



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—POSTFESTIVE DAY OF TRANSFIGURATION; THE HOLY MARTYR EUPLUS

Saturday Aug. 10 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention with the blessing of fruit
Sunday Aug. 11 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish with the blessing of fruit
Epistle: 1Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-34

Tuesday Aug. 13 The Venerable Maximus the Confessor

9:00AM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS (Holyday of Obligation)

Wednesday Aug. 14 7:30PM Burial Service of Great Vespers and Matins with Candlelight Procession
10:00PM Service of Lamentations
11:00PM—8:00AM All Night Vigil: Chanting of the Psalter and personal prayer

Thursday Aug. 15 8:00AM Akathist in Honor of the Dormition of the Theotokos
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish with the blessing of flours and Mirovanjia
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention with Mirovanjia and Children's Procession with flowers

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—POSTFESTIVE DAY OF THE DORMITION; THE HOLY MARTYRS FLORUS AND LAURUS

Saturday Aug. 17 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday Aug. 18 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: 1Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 17:14-23
11:15AM Panachida for the 50th anniversary of the repose of +John Linko by Dave & Shirly Spontak

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment or before and after weekday services

During the month of August, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Jacob and Irene Sadler (Parents), by William Sadler

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Fr. Conan Timoney, Dcn. Michael Tisma, Daniel Cunningham, James Murray, Patricia Rabayda, Catherine Garcia, Helena Bates, Betty Yurchik, Betty Korkowsai, Brenda Bryant, and Matt McMurray. May

our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from this prayer list.

Stewardship 8/04/2019 Aug. Reg Total: \$2,277.00
Offertory \$2,277.00 Aug. Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,450
Capital Imp. \$1,450 Aug. Operating Budget \$9,553

THE BLESSING OF FLOWERS AND CHILDREN'S PROCESSION: It is customary to bless flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. One may bring flowers to be blessed at each Divine Liturgy for the Feast either in the morning or evening. We will also have the children's procession again, where our children will process into the Nave with the Icon of the Dormition and place flowers at the grave.

NEW ECF YEAR APPROACHING & ADULT EDUCATION: We will soon be taking registration of children for the 2019/2020 ECF year. All parish children are highly encouraged to attend these classes. The more children we have who regularly attend, the more rich the program will be and the more each child will learn as they can share with each-other and encourage one-another in their Byzantine faith. Also, we will be offering Adult Education classes the same time as the ECF classes, so that parents can learn while their children are learning, and we can all be enriched together.

UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE 2019: We are considering hiring transportation to go to the Uniontown Pilgrimage this year. This is an event that is in its 85th year where Byzantine Catholics come from all over the country to pray and socialize with other Byzantine Catholics. There are several Divine Liturgies, Matins, Akathists, Parastas, children and teen events, and food. There are also dorm style accommodations and camping available on-site for minimal fees. Hotels are also available. If anyone is interested, please see Fr. Lewis or Dcn. Michael for details. If we go, we will go from August 30 to September 2.

DORMITION FAST: There are 4 fasting periods in the Byzantine Liturgical cycle, the last of which is the fast leading up to the Feast of the Dormition. This fast begins on August 1 and will end on August 15. This fast is

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

Aug. 14-15 Dormition of the Theotokos (Holyday of Obligation) Burial Service of Praise with All Night Vigil ending with the Divine Liturgy
Aug. 22 Aug. Men's Group Meeting, narthex 7:30PM
Aug. 29 Aug. Women's Group Meeting, narthex 7:30PM
Aug. 30-Sept. 2 Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mount Macrina, Uniontown, PA
Sept. 8 Catechetical Sunday: Beginning of ECF Year Adult Education begins as well
Sept. 29 Parish Founder's Day Picnic!

completely voluntary, but Bishop Kurt has encouraged his faithful to once again take on these traditions. One may add as much abstinence as they like mimicking the prescriptions of the Great Fast. See handout.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS: We will be gloriously celebrating this very important feast of Precept (Obligation). We will have the Burial Service consisting of Vespers with Matins and the procession with the shroud of Mary. We will then pray the Lamentations and chant the Psalter (the book of Psalms) through the night, celebrate the Akathist to the Dormition of the Theotokos in the morning, and then celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the morning at 9AM. We will also have another liturgy on the evening of the

EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD): ON PRAYER

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

83. Psalmody calms the passions and curbs the uncontrolled impulses of the body; and prayer enables the intellect to activate its own energy.

84. Prayer is the energy which accords with the dignity of the intellect; it is the intellect's true and highest activity.

85. Psalmody appertains to the to the wisdom of the world of multiplicity; prayer is the prelude to the immaterial knowledge of the One.

15th at 7:30PM for those who are not able to attend the morning liturgy. We will have the opportunity for people to sign up for the different hours through the night to keep watch (vigil), and to pray the Psalter. This will be an excellent opportunity to detach from the world and truly enter into deep personal prayer. More information to come!

Wednesday—

7:30PM Burial Service (Vespers & Matins with procession around the church)

10PM Service of Lamentations, then silent prayer

11PM Chanting of the Psalter through the night

Thursday—

8AM Akathist in Honor of the Dormition of the Theotokos

9AM The Festal Divine Liturgy

7:30PM The Festal Divine Liturgy

Sign up for the vigil hours on our website!

NEW PARISH CENSUS FORMS: It has been a few years since census forms have been submitted and we are asking that everyone submit their information on our new forms. There have been a few changes to the form, so please be diligent. We thank you for your cooperation.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS: These groups provide men and women of all ages an opportunity to meet outside of liturgy to discuss spiritual topics, as well as foster community. The realities of a metropolitan area can lead to isolation of the Christian person. We live in many villages: our schools, our workplace, our sports, activities, and interests; but it seems that the most important village is sometimes neglected—the Church. These groups can help support this Church Village experience while remaining within Eastern Christian thought. This month the Men's group will meet on Aug. 22, and the Women's group on Aug. 29, both at 7:30PM in the narthex. Teenagers are welcome to attend with their parents; fathers and sons, mothers and daughters.