



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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— Schedule of Divine Services —

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE HOLY APOSTLES ERASTUS, OLYMPAS, AND RHODION—TONE 5

- Saturday Nov. 9** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
- Sunday Nov. 10** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18; Luke 10:25-37 (25th Sun. Aft. Pent.)
11:45AM ECF and Adult Education
- Tuesday Nov. 12** **Our Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria**
8:00AM Divine Liturgy for the a special intention
- Wednesday Nov. 13** **The Holy and Illustrious Apostle Phillip (Anticipated for Nov. 14)**
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
- Friday Nov. 15** **The Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habib (simple abstinence from meat)**
7:30PM Emmanuel Moleben for the Nativity Fast

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND OUR HOLY FATHER GREGORY THE WONDER-WORKER, OF NEOCAESAREA—TONE 6

- Saturday Nov. 16** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
- Sunday Nov. 17** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Eph. 2:4-10; Luke 12:16-21 (26th Sun. Aft. Pent.)
11:45AM ECF and Adult Education

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

Welcome to our parish! We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today and we pray that it has been a spiritually nourishing experience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a parishioner or member of the clergy.

The Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church are available for all Baptized Catholics in Good Standing. This means that a Catholic attends Divine Liturgy

on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, utilize the Mystery of Repentance at least once a year, receive the Eucharist at least once a year, observe the church's penitential seasons and fasting regulations to include abstaining from meat or an equivalent penance on all Fridays except when mitigated, support the Church in Her temporal needs through offering of time, talent, and treasure, and to believe the Church's teachings on faith and morals.

Stewardship 11/03/2019	Off. Total:	\$2,909.00
Offertory \$2,909.00	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$908
Capital Imp. \$908	Nov. Operating Budget	\$8,663

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY: Each family is invited to sign up for a photo session. Each family will receive one free photo and one free directory. We will also be receiving a directory app for mobile devices that can be updated by the administrator as people join the parish or leave. Of course, families may also purchase photo packages from the company; remember Christmas will be around the corner, and many people like photo Christmas Cards. The dates we have chosen are: November 16 & 17, with a possibility of adding in the 15th. Please mark your calendars and we will have more information in the near future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUBDEACON JOHN REED! His Grace, Bishop Kurt Burnette will ordain Subdeacon John Reed to the order of the Diaconate on Saturday, December 14 at 10AM. The entire parish is invited to this joyous event, so please mark your calendars! Axios! He is worthy! —As a note, because of the ordination, **we will not be having the vigil liturgy on Saturday Dec. 14, at 5:30** as we usually do.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S GROUP IN NOVEMBER: Due to feast days and the Thanksgiving holiday, we will have to change our normal meeting day of Thursday to Monday. The Men's group will meet on Monday, Nov. 18 and the Women's group will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 both at 7:30PM. We look forward to seeing you there!

DINNER AND DOCTRINE: Father Lewis was invited to give a talk on the Byzantine Divine Liturgy at a Roman Catholic parish in Dahlonega this past week. It was a

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

104. Learn from the man who owed the ten thousand talents that, if you do not forgive your debtor, you yourself will not be forgiven. For it is said, 'He delivered him to the tormentors' (Matt. 18:34).

105. Detach yourself from concern for the body when you pray: do not let the sting of a flea or a fly, the bite of a louse or a mosquito, deprive you of the fruits of your prayer.

great success and Fr. Lewis thanks the four parishioners who came to support him and to represent our parish at the event. If you deal with an institution that would find a talk on the Byzantine Church and Divine Liturgy helpful, you are more than welcome to ask them permission. We have power point, and will travel.

PARISH CALENDAR ON WEBSITE: Just as a reminder, our entire Liturgy and Events are posted on the calendar on our website. We even have liturgy scheduled until the Feast of Theophany on January 6th, 2020. If you are curious to plan your Christmas celebrations, then you may want to visit the website. We also post our bulletins on the website every week.

BENEATH YOUR COMPASSION: Bishop Kurt has requested that all parishes in the Eparchy of Passaic pray this hymn after every Divine Liturgy for the protection of the Theotokos. It is one of the oldest hymns to Mary second only to the Hail Mary, as that appears in Holy Scripture. Bishop Kurt has said that we should seek help from the Theotokos in our time of need, as we are assailed by the rulers of this world.

During the month of November, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Rosella Tisma, by +Dcn. Michael Tisma

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Nov. 9 Fabulous Fathers Talent Show at RCA
- Nov. 15 Beginning of the Phillips Fast, Preparation for the Feast of the Nativity and Emmanuel Moleben at 7:30PM
- Nov. 16-17 Parish Photo Directory Photo sessions
- Nov. 18 Men's Group 7:30PM
- Nov. 21 Solemn Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple: Great Vespers night before, Divine Liturgy evening of
- Nov. 25 Women's Group 7:30PM
- Dec. 8 St. Nicholas Day Celebration—Sunday
- Dec. 14 Ordination of Subdcn. John Reed to the Order of the Diaconate —No 5:30PM Liturgy

EASTERN CATHOLIC PRESBYTERAL ASSOCIATION:

Just as a note of what is going on behind the scenes Fr. Lewis would like to inform you that the Eastern Catholic clergy of the Atlanta area have been meeting quarterly to facilitate community between us. There are only a few Eastern churches in the area and we have talked with each-other about the importance of friendship. Right now, as clergy, we are getting to know each-other, but we hope to offer opportunities for our parishes to come together in the future. Please pray that our endeavors are blessed and that continue these relationships.

SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION DECEMBER 8: We are still in the process of finalizing our plans for celebrating this feast. However, we will still celebrate it with a potluck meal and a few items supplied by the parish. Final plans to come soon.

Please fill-out and return the updated Parish Registration forms available on website

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Lauri Klotz, Clara Vranich, Daniel Cunningham, James Murray, Patricia Rabayda, Catherine Garcia, Betty Yurchik, Patricia Anne Reidy, and Juniper Whalen. 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.

WE ENTER THE PHILLIPS FAST: This week, on Friday, November 15th, we begin the time of penance and preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. Although this time of fasting is not obligatory to be a Catholic in good standing, we are encouraged to engage in it as much as we can, so that we can spiritually prepare ourselves to more fully celebrate the Feast of the Nativity. We usually make many other preparations for this Great Feast with decorations and food, but let us also decorate our souls with good works, alms giving, acts of penance, and fasting.

ROSWELL NUTCRACKER: Elizabeth, William, and Molly Parnaby are performing in the Roswell Dance Theatre production of The Nutcracker November 29—December 8 at the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale at RoswellNutcracker.com or at the box office in Sandy Springs and range from \$25-38.

Nativity of Christ Greeting Cards for Sale: \$15 a pack

Fasting Regulations for the Phillips Fast

EPARCHIAL REGULATIONS: All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Fridays of the Phillips Fast. This is the normal practice throughout the year.

FROM THE TYPICON (A GUIDEBOOK FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY AND DIVINE OFFICE): “During this fast it was the custom to observe a strict abstinence on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and a lesser abstinence (mitigation for wine and oil) on Tuesday and Thursday. The fast is observed more strictly from December 10 (in some traditions) or from December 20 (in other traditions), with

daily strict abstinence, and a mitigated abstinence (wine and oil) on Saturday and Sunday. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. This fast may be observed voluntarily, partially, or in its entirety.”

POSSIBLE FASTING REGIMINES: Here are a variety of fasting possibilities for those who find the spiritual benefit of challenging themselves to a deeper participation in the Phillips Fast. One can start simple and increase the difficulty as the Fast progresses. **Either way, all are encouraged to do more than the minimum, except the elderly, pregnant, small children, and those with special medical issues.**

Fasting Required by our Eparchy

Sunday No Fasting	Monday No Fasting	Tuesday No Fasting	Wednesday No Fasting	Thursday No Fasting	Friday Abstain from meat	Saturday No Fasting
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Option 1 Fasting

Sunday No Fasting	Monday No Fasting	Tuesday No Fasting	Wednesday Abstain from meat	Thursday No Fasting	Friday Abstain from meat	Saturday No Fasting
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Option 2 Fasting

Sunday No Fasting	Monday Abstain from meat	Tuesday No Fasting	Wednesday Abstain from meat	Thursday No Fasting	Friday Abstain from meat	Saturday No Fasting
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Option 3 Fasting

Sunday No Fasting	Monday Abstain from meat	Tuesday Abstain from meat	Wednesday Abstain from meat	Thursday Abstain from meat	Friday Strict Abstinence	Saturday No Fasting
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Special Notes

The tradition also suggests that fish with a backbone is considered flesh and meat, however, any type of shellfish is permitted all days of the fast. It is also the tradition that both wine and oil are abstained from as well; this may have been because of their storage in animal skins, but either way, alcohol is good to abstain from during fasting periods.