



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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— Schedule of Divine Services —

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

Monday Nov. 18 **The Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman**
7:30PM Men's Group Meeting in the Narthex

Tuesday Nov. 19 **The Holy Prophet Obediah and the Martyr Barlaam**
8:00AM Emmanuel Moleben for the Phillips Fast

Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Solemn Holyday)

Wednesday Nov. 20 7:30PM Great Vespers with Litija
Thursday Nov. 21 7:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Friday Nov. 22 **The Holy Apostle Philemon and His Companions** (simple abstinence from meat)

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, POSTFESTIVE DAY OF THE ENTRANCE, AND THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR CATHERINE—TONE 7

Saturday Nov. 23 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday Nov. 24 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Eph. 2:14-22; Luke 13:10-17 (27th Sun. Aft. Pent.)
11:15AM Moleben of Thanksgiving

*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 would like to register as a parishioner or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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, utilizes the Mystery of Repentance at least once a year, receives the Eucharist at least once a year, observes the church's penitential seasons and fasting regulations to include abstaining from meat or an equivalent penance on all Fridays except when mitigated, supports the Church in Her temporal needs through offering of time, talent, and treasure, and believes the Church's teachings on faith and morals.

Stewardship 11/03/2019	Off. Total:	\$6,291.00
Offertory \$2,909.00	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$1,258
Capital Imp. \$908	Nov. Operating Budget	\$8,663
Stewardship 11/10/2019		
Offertory \$3,382.00		
Capital Imp. \$350		
Military Services \$135		

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. JOHN FUCHKO III! Parishioner John Fuchko has many titles, most important of which are husband and father, but he now can add Doctor to this list. Dr. Fuchko recently defended his thesis in the field of Higher Education Administration from the University of Georgia.

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!

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER MEETING: There will be a mandatory meeting for all altar servers on Sunday, Dec 15, after the Divine Liturgy with Dcn. James. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

PARISH CALENDAR ON WEBSITE: Just as a reminder, our entire Liturgy and Events are posted on the cal-

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

106. We have heard that the evil one attacked a certain saint so fiercely as he prayed that, when the saint lifted up his hands, the evil one changed himself into a lion and raising his front legs fixed his claws into the saint's thighs; and he kept them there until the saint lowered his hands, which was only when he had come to the end of his usual prayers.

endar 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.

EASTERN CATHOLIC PRESBYTERAL ASSOCIATION: Just as a note of what is going on behind the scenes, Fr. Lewis is a member of the ECPA, a group of Eastern Catholic clergy of the Atlanta area. 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.

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

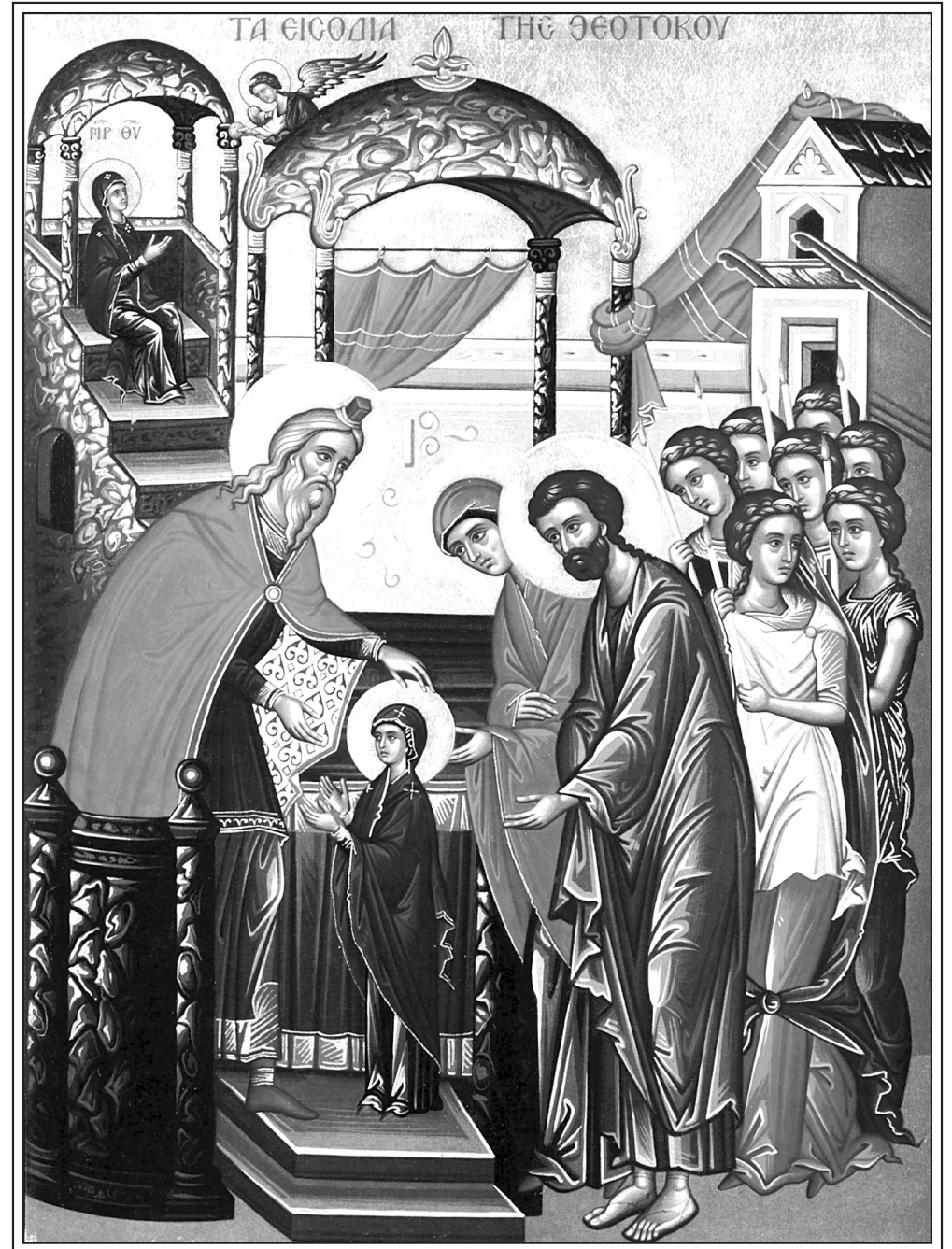
- Nov. 18 Men's Group 7:30PM
- Nov. 21 Solemn Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple: Great Vespers night before, Divine Liturgy evening of
- Nov. 25 Women's Group 7:30PM
- Nov. 27 Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving 7:30PM
- Dec. 6 Divine Liturgy for feast of St. Nicholas (Solemn Holyday)
- Dec. 8 Feast of the Maternity of Anna and St. Nicholas Day Celebration—Sunday
- Dec. 14 Ordination of Subdcn. John Reed to the Order of the Diaconate
—No 5:30PM Liturgy
- Dec. 15 Mandatory Altar Server Meeting

**Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy Nov. 16/17
for the Teal Pew Book**

- Troparion, Kontakion, Prokeimenon, & Alleluia:
Tone 6 p. 152-153
- Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19
- Thrice Holy Hymn: A p. 27
- Cherubikon: F p. 47
- Creed: A p. 51
- "Holy Holy Holy": C p. 57
- Our Father: Tone 6 p. 71
- "We Have Seen": B p. 83
- "May Our Mouths Be Filled": B p. 85
- "Blessed be the Name of the Lord": C p.88

2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL: The 2019 Bishop's Appeal has begun on November 1, 2019. You may have received your appeal packet in the mail. For those who have not yet received one, there are some available in the narthex. This year, our parish goal is the same as last year's goal which is \$10,800. If we attain our goal, we will receive a rebate of 40%, which would be at least \$4,320! It is suggested that if each family contributes \$200, then we will meet our goal.

FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE: Some feasts associated with the Theotokos come from an extrabiblical source titled The Protoevangelium of James. This text can be found on the internet at: <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0847.htm>. This text is dated around 145AD and therefore cannot be considered for inclusion into the canon of Sacred Scripture because it falls too far away from the ministry of Jesus Christ. The Revelation of Saint John is the youngest (apx. 90AD) text in the New Testament. However, this text confirms the oral Tradition held by the Apostles and handed down through the teachings of the Church, and it is where we can read about these different accounts in Mary's life. We will celebrate the feast with Great Vespers on Wednesday evening at 7:30PM and with the Divine Liturgy on Thursday evening at 7:30PM.



THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 8: Gina Bridges will be organizing the St. Nicholas Luncheon. More details to come soon, if interested in helping out, please contact her.

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:
 On Friday, November 15th, we began 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

WITH GRATITUDE TO ALMIGHTY GOD
 SUBDEACON JOHN WILLIAM REED
 WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE
 HOLY ORDER OF DEACON
 THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS
 BY
 THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP KURT R. BURNETTE
 BISHOP OF PASSAIC
 ON
 SATURDAY THE FOURTEENTH OF DECEMBER
 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN
 AT
 TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
 AT
 EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
 BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 2030 OLD ALABAMA ROAD
 ROSWELL, GEORGIA 30076

All parishioners are invited to attend the Ordination
 Ticketed reception to follow at
 Baminelli's Italian Restaurant, 2500 Old Alabama RD, Roswell
 Please RSVP by Dec. 6 to Jane Cunningham 770-329-9502
 \$15 Donation Suggested, Children 12 & under Free

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Fasting	No Fasting	No Fasting	No Fasting	No Fasting	Abstain from meat	No Fasting

Option 1 Fasting

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

Option 2 Fasting

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

Option 3 Fasting

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

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.