



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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— Schedule of Divine Services —

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

Monday Nov. 25 Leave-taking of the Entrance, and Our Holy Fathers & Martyrs Clement Pope of Rome and Peter, Bishop of Alexandria
7:30PM Women's Group Meeting in the Narthex

Tuesday Nov. 26 Our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite
8:00AM Emmanuel Moleben for the Phillips Fast

Wednesday Nov. 27 The Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger and the Holy Martyr Irenarchus
7:30PM Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving (anticipated for Thursday)

Friday Nov. 29 The Holy Martyrs Paramon and Philemon (simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance)

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, THE HOLY PROPHET NAHUM AND OUR HOLY FATHER PHILARET THE MERCIFUL—TONE 8

Saturday Nov. 30 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday Dec. 1 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Eph. 4:1-6; Luke 18:18-27 (30th Sun. Aft. Pent.)

*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	Stewardship 11/17/2019
Offertory \$2,909.00	Offertory \$2,300.00
Capital Imp. \$908	Off. Total: \$8,591.00
Stewardship 11/10/2019	Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,258
Offertory \$3,382.00	Nov. Operating Budget \$8,663
Capital Imp. \$350	
Military Services \$135	

SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION DECEMBER 8: Gina Bridges will be organizing the St. Nicholas Luncheon this year. We will be doing something a little different because of our limited space. We had attempted to rent an outside venue but could not secure a place that suits our specific needs in time. We will find a good venue for next year. But this year we are limiting the food to hors d'oeuvres and desserts and will have limited seating. The children's program will continue as in the past, and we look forward to a visit from St. Nicholas!

LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN: We were mistakenly removed from our bulletin vendor's customer list and therefore did not receive bulletin covers last week. This has been corrected.

CHURCH CLEANING AND CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will again clean the church, change the Altar linens, and decorate for the Nativity Season on Saturday, December 7 from 9AM until we have completed our tasks. Please join us to make our church a beautiful place to be!

+DCN. MICHAEL P. TISMA MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOW OPEN! All of our titles have now been cataloged and are ready to be signed out. Please use the sign-out book so we know where the titles are. This is a great resource for our parish and we are grateful to +Dcn. Michael and his family for this generous donation.

THANKSGIVING FRIDAY ABSTINENCE: Meat may be eaten on Fridays outside of the Great Fast, but it is necessary to offer an equivalent penance. One may say

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

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

107. There is too the case of that great monk, John the Small. He lived the hesychastic life in a pit, and his communion with God was not interrupted even when a demon in the form of a serpent wound itself round him, chewed his flesh and spat it out into his face.

some simple prayers: the Our Father and the Hail Mary, or the Trisagion Prayers—this can be done as a family.

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.

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 Women's group will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 7:30PM. We look forward to seeing you there when we will talk about patience!

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.

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- 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. 7 Church Cleaning and Decorating Day 9AM
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

Altar Lamp Memorials and Divine Liturgy Intentions
can now be accepted for 2020. Altar Lamps suggested
donation is \$50, and Divine Liturgy and Panachida
suggested stipend is \$15.

**Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy Nov. 23/24
for the Teal Pew Book**

Troparion, Kontakion, Prokeimenon, & Alleluia:
Tone 7 p. 156-158

Hymn of the Incarnation: C p. 21

Thrice Holy Hymn: B p. 28

Cherubikon: A p. 42

Creed: B p. 53

"Holy Holy Holy": A p. 56

Our Father: Tone 7 p. 72

"We Have Seen": A p. 82

"May Our Mouths Be Filled": A p. 84

"Blessed be the Name of the Lord": A p.88

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: 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.

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.

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 Perform-

ing 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
 Babinelli’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.