



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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 the repose of +LaDonna Rodock by Marlene McCracken
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.)

Tuesday Dec. 3 **The Holy Prophet Zephaniah**
8:00AM Emmanuel Moleben for the Phillips Fast

Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, The Wonderworker (Solemn Holyday)

Thursday Dec. 5	7:30PM	Great Vespers with Litija (anticipated for Thursday)
Friday Dec. 6	7:30PM	Divine Liturgy for the children of Epiphany Parish (mitigation of extra fasting, abstaining from meat or equivalent penance still in effect)

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, FEAST OF THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA—TONE 1

Saturday Dec. 7	4:30–5PM	Mystery of Repentance*
	5:30PM	Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday Dec. 8	9–9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance*
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish Epistle: Eph. 5:9-19 & Gal. 4:22-31; Luke 17:12-19 (29th Sun. Aft. Pent.) & Luke 8:16-21
	11:30AM	Saint Nicholas Party in the narthex

*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	Stewardship 11/24/2019
Stewardship 11/10/2019	Offertory \$2,844.00
Offertory \$3,382.00	Off. Total: \$11,435.00
Capital Imp. \$350	Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,258
Military Services \$135	Nov. Operating Budget \$8,663

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 are limiting the food to finger food and desserts only, and we will have limited seating as well as small tables. The children's program will continue as in the past, and we look forward to a visit from St. Nicholas!

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.

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.

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

109. We read how, when another spiritual brother was praying, a viper came and wound itself around his leg. But he did not lower his hands until he had finished his usual prayers; and because he loved God more than himself, he was not harmed at all.

110. Do not let your eyes be distracted during prayer, but detach yourself from concern with body and soul, and give all your attention to the intellect.

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 began 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. **An anonymous parishioner has offered to donate an additional \$25 if a family gives a minimum of \$75 to the Bishop's Appeal.** Please note, the checks need to be made out to the "Eparchy of Passaic."

During the month of December, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for a special intention, by Michael & Karen Madrigal

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- 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. 30/Dec. 1 for the Teal Pew Book
Troparion, Kontakion, Prokeimenon, & Alleluia:
Tone 8 p. 161-163

Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18

Thrice Holy Hymn: C p. 28

Cherubikon: B p. 43

Creed: A p. 51

“Holy Holy Holy”: B p. 56

Our Father: Tone 8 p. 73

“We Have Seen”: B p. 83

“May Our Mouths Be Filled”: B p. 85

“Blessed be the Name of the Lord”: B p.88

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.

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.

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

Great Vespers with Litija for the Solemn Feast of Saint Nicholas of Myra Thursday Night 7:30PM

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
Bambinelli'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.