



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS—TONE 2

Sunday Dec. 15 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Col. 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24 (28th Sun. Aft. Pent.)
11:15AM Panachida for +Julia Garcia by David Carrington

Tuesday Dec. 17 **The Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Children: Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael**
7:30PM Womens Group Meeting in the Library/Cry Room

Wednesday Dec. 18 **The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions**
7:30PM Emmanuel Moleben for the Phillips Fast

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS OF THE ANCESTORS—TONE 3

Saturday Dec. 21 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Claire Marie Reichard by Bryan and Lisa Marks
6:30PM Panachida
Sunday Dec. 22 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25
11:30AM Saint Nicholas Party in the narthex

—FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST—

Tuesday Dec. 24 **THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY**
9:00AM The Royal Hours for the Feast of the Nativity
7:30PM Great Compline for the Nativity and Vigil Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

Wednesday Dec. 25 **THE FEAT OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

Thursday Dec. 26 **SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for a special intension

Friday Dec. 27 **THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN**
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intension

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

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

Stewardship 12/01/2019	Off. Total:	\$4,180.00
Offertory \$1,976.00	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$1,000
Capital Imp. \$175	Christmas total:	\$95
Stewardship 12/08/2019	Dec. Operating Budget	\$8,830
Offertory \$2,204.00		
Capital Imp. \$825		
St. Nick & Christmas \$95		

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON JOHN REED! We welcome and thank His Grace, Bishop Kurt Burnette to our parish for the ordination of Subdeacon John Reed to the order of the Diaconate. The ordination was both beautiful and prayerful! Axios! He is worthy!

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, Juniper Whalen, and Jeff Lovall. 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.

THE PHILLIPS FAST: We have just over one week left to fast and pray and give alms before the great celebration of the Nativity of Christ! If we were neglectful in any of these areas, there is still time to join in, even at the eleventh hour! 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.

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

EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD):

ON PRAYER

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

117: I shall say again what I have said elsewhere: blessed is the intellect that is completely free from forms during prayer.

118. Blessed is the intellect that, undistracted in its prayer, acquires an ever greater longing for God.

119. Blessed is the intellect that during prayer is free from materiality and stripped of all possessions.

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. **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."

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.

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

Dec. 15 Mandatory Altar Server Meeting

Dec. 17 Womens Group Meeting in the Library/Cry Room

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.

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

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

Dec. 15 for the Teal Pew Book

Troparion Tone 2 p. 130,
Troparion & Kontakion, Prokeimenon, & Alleluia:
p. 281-283

Hymn of the Incarnation: C p. 21

Thrice Holy Hymn: E p. 30

Cherubikon: St. Nicholas p. 275

Creed: A p. 51

"Holy Holy Holy": A p. 56

Our Father: Tone 2 p. 67

"We Have Seen": B p. 83

"May Our Mouths Be Filled": B p. 85

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