



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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— Schedule of Divine Services —

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** (TRADITIONALLY A DAY OF STRICT FAST)
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 (SOLEMN HOLYDAY)**
5:00PM Divine Liturgy for a special intension
- Friday Dec. 27** **THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN**
(SIMPLE HOLYDAY NO FASTING)
5:00PM Divine Liturgy for a special intension

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS, MEMORY OF THE HOLY AND JUST JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY, DAVID THE PROPHET AND KING, AND THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES BROTHER OF THE LORD—TONE 4

- Saturday Dec. 28** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intension
- Sunday Dec. 29** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-24

*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	Stewardship 12/15/2019
Offertory \$1,976.00	Offertory \$3,092.00
Capital Imp. \$175	Capital Imp. \$450
Stewardship 12/08/2019	St. Nick & Christmas \$205
Offertory \$2,204.00	
Capital Imp. \$825	Off. Total: \$7,272.00
St. Nick & Christmas \$95	Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,450
	Christmas total: \$300
	Dec. Operating Budget \$8,830

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, Jeff Lovall, Athena Valesquez, and Pdraig, Brendan, and Fiona Madrigal. 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.

END OF THE PHILLIPS FAST: We have come to the end of our time of fasting and preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Christmas Eve day, **Dec. 24th, is traditionally a day of strict abstinence** (no meat or dairy), but is not required under the current law of the Metropolia. One may take-on this fasting in any capacity and are encouraged to do so. Likewise, this **Friday, Dec. 27, is NOT a day of fasting.** One may eat meat without alternate penance.

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

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

120. Blessed is the intellect that has acquired complete freedom from sensation during prayer.
121. Blessed is the monk who regards every man as God after God.
122. Blessed is the monk who looks with great joy on everyone’s salvation and progress as if they were his own.

not yet received one, there are some available in the narthex. **So far, 13 families have donated a total of \$2350 towards our goal of \$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.”

INVITATION FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN CANTORING OR SINGING IN CHOIR: We will be having a Cantor Day Camp on Saturday, January 11 from 10AM—3PM. This will be for all cantors to practice together and learn different hymns, melodies, and to better understand the parts of the liturgy. Anyone interested in learning how to better sing the divine services is invited to attend.

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.



Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Christos Raždajetsja! Slavite Jeho!



UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Jan. 1 Circumcision of Our Lord and Saint Basil
the Great Solemn Holyday,
Divine Liturgy 7:30PM
- Jan. 11 Cantor Day Camp 10AM-3PM

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. 21/22 for the Teal Pew Book**
Troparion Tone 3 p. 135,
Troparion & Kontakion, Prokeimenon, & Alleluia:
p. 285-287
- Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18
Thrice Holy Hymn: A p. 27
Cherubikon: D p. 45
Creed: B p. 53
"Holy Holy Holy": B p. 56
Our Father: Tone 3 p. 68
"We Have Seen": A p. 82
"May Our Mouths Be Filled": A p. 84
"Blessed be the Name of the Lord": B p. 88