



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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— Schedule of Divine Services —

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 intention
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

Wednesday Jan. 1 **THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, AND SAINT BASIL THE GREAT**
7:30PM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for a special intention

Friday Jan. 3 **PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THEOPHANY, AND THE HOLY PROPHET MALACHI (NO FASTING)**
9:00AM Royal Hours for Theophany

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY AND THE VIGIL OF THEOPHANY—TONE 5

Saturday Jan. 4 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday Jan. 5. 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: 2Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8
11:30AM Simple Luncheon in Narthex
12:30PM Great Vespers for Theophany and the Great Blessing of Water

Monday Jan. 6 **THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)**
11:00AM Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom for a special intention
7:30PM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for a special intention with Patronal Procession

*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 12/01/2019	Stewardship 12/22/2019
Offertory \$1,976.00	Offertory \$2,593.00
Capital Imp. \$175	Capital Imp. \$70
Stewardship 12/08/2019	St. Nick & Christmas \$10
Offertory \$2,204.00	Stewardship 12/25/2019
Capital Imp. \$825	Christmas \$4,321.00
St. Nick & Christmas \$95	
Stewardship 12/15/2019	Off. Total: \$9,865.00
Offertory \$3,092.00	Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,520
Capital Imp. \$450	Christmas total: \$4,631
St. Nick & Christmas \$205	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 Padraig, 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.

PARISH FEASTDAY AND HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: Yes, our parish name is Epiphany of Our Lord, but the traditional name for this feast is the Theophany of Our Lord. This is a Great Feast of the Church where John the Baptist Baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River, and for the first time in history, we experience the Holy Trinity present at the same time. God the Father's voice recognizes His Son, and the Holy Spirit comes and descends upon the Son of Man, Jesus Christ in the River Jordan.

When this important feast falls hear a weekend, there are special rules for its celebration. We will have a short simple luncheon after the Sunday Divine Liturgy on Jan. 5, and then we will celebrate Great Vespers for Theophany and then the Great Blessing of Water. We will then have two opportunities to attend the feastday

EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD):

ON PRAYER

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

128. If you wish to pray in spirit, be detached from the flesh, and no cloud will darken you during prayer.

129. Entrust to God the needs of your body, and it will be clear that you entrust to Him the needs of your spirit also.

Divine Liturgy on Monday, a Holyday of Obligation, at 11AM and 7:30PM. The evening liturgy will conclude with the Patronal Procession around the outside of the church where we will chant four Gospels to the four corners of the world.

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. **So far, 14 families have donated a total of \$2550 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."

Father Lewis would like to thank everyone for their wonderful gifts and cards this Christmas Season. We had such beautiful Christmas Liturgies together, and I look forward to a new year in our parish. May God continue to bless us for the great devotion we have shown Him!

During the month of January, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Eugene Sememiuk, by Michael & Irene Laschuk

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.

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

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| Jan. 1 | Circumcision of Our Lord and Saint Basil the Great Solemn Holyday, Divine Liturgy 7:30PM |
| Jan. 5 | Luncheon after Divine Liturgy Great Vespers for Theophany AND The Great Blessing of Water |
| Jan. 6 | Divine Liturgy for the Theophany 11AM and 7:30PM with Patronal Procession |
| Jan. 11 | Cantor Day Camp 10AM-3PM |

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. 28/29 for the Teal Pew Book

Troparion Tone 4 p. 140,
Troparion & Kontakion, Prokeimenon, & Alleluia:
p. 302-305

Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19

Thrice Holy Hymn: B p. 28

Cherubikon: Nativity Melody p. 292

Creed: A p. 51

“Holy Holy Holy”: C p. 57

Our Father: Tone 4 p. 69

“We Have Seen”: B p. 83

“May Our Mouths Be Filled”: B p. 85

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