

# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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### —Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY BEFORE	THEODHANY	AND THE	VIGIL OF	THEODHANY.	TONE 5
JUNDAI DEFUKE	INEUPHANI	AND IRE	AIGIT OL	I REUPRANI —	-IUNE 3

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\*

Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish 10:00AM

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 Basil for a special intention

7:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the faithful of Epiphany Parish

with Patronal Procession

Wednesday Jan. 8 POSTFESTIVE DAY OF THEOPHANY; OUR VENERABLE FATHER GEORGE THE CHOZEBITE

7:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Friday Jan. 10 Post-Festive Day of Theophany, and Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa

(abstinence from meat or equivalent penance)

#### SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY AND THE HOLY MARTYR TATIANA—TONE 6

Saturday Jan.11 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance\*

5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Sunday Jan 12 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*

> Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish 10:00AM

> > Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17

\*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 12/25/2019		
Offertory	\$1,9	76.00	Christmas	\$4,321.00	
Capital Imp.		\$175	Stewardship 12/29	9/2019	
Stewardship 12/08/2019			Offertory	\$2,908.00	
Offertory	\$2,2	04.00	Capital Imp.	\$50	
Capital Imp.		\$825	St. Nick & Christm	as \$390	
St. Nick & Christm	nas	\$95	Retired Religious	\$50	
Stewardship 12/1	5/20	19			
Offertory	\$3,0	92.00	Off. Total: \$1	12,773.00	
Capital Imp.		\$450	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$1,570	
St. Nick & Christm	nas	\$205	Christmas total:	\$5,021	
Stewardship 12/22/2019			Retired Religious	\$50	
Offertory	\$2,5	93.00	Dec. Operating Budg	et \$8,830	
Capital Imp.		\$70	Jan. Operating Budge	et \$10,315	
St. Nick & Christm	nas	\$10			

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, and Athena Valesquez. 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

## **EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD):** On Prayer

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

130. If you receive what has been promised, you will reign over all things; and, keeping these promises in mind, you will gladly endure your present poverty, spiritual and material.

131. Do not shun poverty and affliction, the fuel that gives wings to prayer.

132. Let the virtues of the body lead you to those of the soul; and the virtues of the soul to those of the spirit; and these, in turn, to immaterial and principal knowledge.

Theophany and then the Great Blessing of Water. We will then have two opportunities to attend the feastday 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:** We have not yet received an update from the end of the year contributions— God-willing, we will next week, so recent contributions are not reflected here. 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.

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.

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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
Jan. 14	Men's Group in the Library 7:30PM
Jan. 19	Annual Parish Finance Meeting After Liturgy
Jan. 21	Women's Group in the Library 7:30PM
Jan. 26	ECF and Adult Education resume

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

Jan. 4/5 for the Teal Pew Book
Troparion Tone 5 p. 146,
Troparion & Kontakion, Prokeimenon, & Alleluia:
p. 310-312

Hymn of the Incarnation: C p. 21

Thrice Holy Hymn: C p. 28

Cherubikon: E p. 46

Creed: B p. 53

"Holy Holy Holy": A p. 56

Our Father: Tone 5 p. 70

"We Have Seen": A p. 82

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

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

