



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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*
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17

11:20AM Panachida for the repose of +Mary Mullally by Gina Parnaby

Tuesday Jan. 14 LEAVE-TAKING OF THEOPHANY, AND OUR VENERABLE FATHERS KILLED BY THE ARABS IN SINAI AND RAITHO IN 312

11:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the repose of Fr. +Gary Mensinger by Marlene McCracken
7:30PM	Men's Group Meeting in the Library

Wednesday Jan. 15 OUR VENERABLE FATHERS PAUL OF THEBES AND JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER

7:30PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Jeffrey Sesock by Fr. Lewis Rabayda

Friday Jan. 17 OUR VENERABLE FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT (simple abstinence from meat)

32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: OUR VENERABLE FATHER MACARIUS OF EGYPT—TONE 7

Saturday Jan.18	9AM-12	Decoration Take-Down
	4:30-5PM	Mystery of Repentance*
	5:30PM	Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday Jan 19	9-9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance*
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43
	11:45AM	Annual Parish Finance Meeting

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

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

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 1/05/2020	Off. Total:	\$2,148.00
Offertory	\$2,148.00	Cap. Imp. Total: \$980
Capital Imp.	\$980	Christmas total: \$500
Christmas	\$500	Initial Offering: \$241
Initial Offering	\$241	Jan. Operating Budget \$10,315

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, Presbytera Juliana Gage, and Kari Tisma.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

Also, our deployed military members: Lt. Commander William Bridges, and Specialist Francis "Joseph" Fuchko. *May God's Divine Care and Mercy be given to them and may their Guardian Angels protect them from harm.*

—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from these lists.

2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL: We are only \$1,250 short of attaining our goal! **So far, 31 families have donated a total of \$9,550 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. Please note, the checks need to be made out to the "Eparchy of Passaic."

CHURCH DECORATION TAKE-DOWN: We will be taking down and putting away our Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 18 beginning at 9AM. Please come out and join us!

ALL-SOULS SATURDAYS: In the Byzantine Tradition there are 5 days in the liturgical year specifically set aside to pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed. They coincide with the Great Fast, and the first Saturday is on February 15 at 10AM. These liturgies are for the departed, sung with the funeral melodies in the green pew book, with a Panachida prayed at the end, where the clergy read through every

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

134. There are times when the demons suggest thoughts to you and then urge you to rebut them with prayer; whereupon they withdraw of their own accord, so as to deceive you into imagining that you have begun to overcome such thoughts and to rout the demons.

135. If you pray to overcome a passion or a demon who is troubling you, remember the words: 'I will pursue my enemies, and overtake them; and I will not turn back until they are consumed. I will dash them to pieces and they shall not be able to stand; they shall fall under my feet' (Ps. 18:37-38). Say this when needed and so arm yourself with humility against your enemies.

name supplied by each family. Names of the deceased are submitted every year along with a stipend—a free-will offering for the prayers. The deadline for supplying names is Sunday, February 9. Envelopes for the customary stipend can be found in your contribution envelope packs.

FROM FATHER DAVID PETRAS—THE AMERICAN RUTHENIAN CHURCH'S LITURGICAL SCHOLAR: "The traditional is to say 'Christ is born' until December 31. The modern tendency is to extend feasts, and some places even say it until February 2. 'Christ is baptized' is also a new practice, introduced (generally) within the last 20-30 years. When it was first introduced, the Christmas practice was observed, 'Christ is baptized,' response, 'Glorify him.' I had one prayer book, printed about 30 years ago, that gave this greeting. Most now say, 'Christ is baptized,' with the response, 'In the Jordan.' However, this was the extension of an old Polish custom. In the Roman Catholic Church in Poland you said, 'Christ is born, and the response was, 'In Bethlehem of Judea,' This was painstakingly explained to me

by one of my older parishioners when I was pastor in Akron. Naturally, therefore, 'In Bethlehem of Judea' became 'In the Jordan.' Why 'Christ is born! Glorify him!' ? These are the opening words of St. Gregory the Theologian's homily on the Feast of Light. The faithful would know this because it is the first words of the Irmos of Ode 1 in Christmas Matins."

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 14 Men's Group in the Library 7:30PM
- Jan. 18 Decoration take-down day 9AM-Noon
- 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
- Feb. 9 Last day to submit names for All Souls DL
- Feb. 15 First All Souls Saturday Liturgy
- Feb. 24 First Day of the Great Fast: Presanctified DL

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. 11/12 for the Teal Pew Book

- Sunday After Theophany Propers: p. 316-318
- Troparion Tone 6 p. 156
- Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18
- Thrice Holy Hymn: D p. 29
- Cherubikon: F p. 47
- Creed: A p. 51
- "Holy Holy Holy": B p. 56
- Our Father: Tone 6 p. 71
- "We Have Seen": B p. 83
- "May Our Mouths Be Filled": B p. 85
- "Blessed be the Name of the Lord": B p.88