



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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— Schedule of Divine Services —

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE & THE MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA—TONE 1

Saturday Feb. 1 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Sunday Feb. 2 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: 2Timothy 3:10-15 & Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 18:10-14 & Luke 2:22-40
11:15AM Panachida for the repose of +Christine Stankebic by David and Shirley Spontak
11:45AM ECF but NO Adult Education—Adult Ed resumes next week, Feb. 9

Friday Feb. 7 POST-FESTIVE DAY OF THE MEETING; AND OUR VENERABLE FATHER PARTHENIUS
(NO FASTING OR ABSTINENCE—WEEK OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE)

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON AND LEAVE-TAKING OF THE MEETING IN THE TEMPLE—TONE 2

Saturday Feb. 8 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Sunday Feb. 9 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: 1Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 18:10-14 & Luke 15:11-32
11:40AM ECF and Adult Education—read chapters 7-13 of Jeremiah

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

During the month of February, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Michael and Madelyn Wasilnak, by Barbara Bates

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.

EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD):
ON PRAYER
excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

141. So long as you have not renounced the passions, and your intellect is still opposed to holiness and truth, you will not find the fragrance of incense in your breast.

Stewardship 1/05/2020	Stewardship 1/26/2020
Offertory \$2,148.00	Offertory \$1,924.00
Capital Imp. \$980	Capital Imp. \$200
Christmas \$500	ECL \$129
Initial Offering \$241	Off. Total: \$9,564.00
Stewardship 1/12/2020	Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,470
Offertory \$2,239.00	Christmas total: \$500
Capital Imp. \$95	Theophany total: \$118
Theophany \$108	Initial Offering: \$596
Initial Offering \$320	ECL \$165
Stewardship 1/19/2020	Jan. Operating Budget \$10,315
Offertory \$3,253.00	Feb. Operating Budget \$9,840
Capital Imp. \$195	
Theophany \$10	
Initial Offering \$35	
ECL \$36	

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, Jeff Lovall, Athena Valesquez, Presbyteria Juliana Gage, Kari Tisma, and Oya Eraybar.
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 have exceeded our goal! **39 families have donated a total of \$12,050 towards our goal of \$10,800!** Because of your generosity, we will receive a rebate of 40%, which at this time will be \$4,820! Thank you so much to all those who have chipped in to meet this challenge. Refund checks are usually mailed in July.

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 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.

GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY COMING SOON! We are planing a grounds cleanup day for Saturday, Feb. 22 with a rain day of Feb. 29. We will be cleaning up the edges of the woods all along the driveway from the street to the old Y-House. We will be taking down vines, removing decaying trees, and clearing the ground to be presentable. We need any able bodied person to assist, the more, the merrier, and the more we will accomplish! Needed tools: chainsaws, rakes, shovels, pruning sheers of differing sizes, and work gloves.

MEATFARE AND CHEESEFARE SUNDAYS: Meatfare Sunday is the last day we eat meat, if we choose to adhere to the traditional fasting regulations. Cheesefare Sunday is also known as Forgiveness Sunday. This day is the last day to eat dairy products if one is adhering to the traditional fast. But it is also a day in which we forgive one another so that we can enter into the Great Fast with clean consciences. We will celebrate the traditional Forgiveness Vespers after the luncheon with the service of mutual forgiveness. Please consider attending this service that transitions from Sunday into the Great Fast.

MEATFARE AND CHEESEFARE LUNCHEONS: Shirley Spontak will be organizing the Meatfare luncheon on Sunday Feb. 16, and Tara Reed will be organizing the Cheesefare Luncheon on Sunday Feb. 23. Please remember that there will be an important vespers after the luncheon on Feb. 23 to begin the Great Fast. If anyone is interested in helping with these events, please see the respective person.

FEAST OF THE MEETING IN THE TEMPLE: This is a Solemn Feast, which happens to fall on a Sunday this year, because the feast is fixed, meaning that it is always celebrated on Feb. 2. There are many reasons for this feast; it is when Mary offers a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons for her purification after giving birth, and, for Jesus to be presented in the temple, and recognized as the Christ by both the Priest Simeon, and Prophetess Anna.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 9 Last day to submit names for All Souls DL
- Feb. 11 Men's Group in the Library 7:30PM
- Feb. 15 First All Souls Saturday Liturgy
- Feb. 16 Meatfare Sunday: Parish Potluck Luncheon
- Feb. 22 Parish Grounds-keeping Day 9AM-2PM
- Feb. 23 Cheesefare Sunday: Parish Potluck Luncheon followed by Forgiveness Vespers
- Feb. 24 First Day of the Great Fast: Presanctified DL

FR. LEWIS ON RETREAT: Fr. Lewis will be away on a personal retreat this week and will return for liturgy on Sunday, Feb. 9. There will be a substitute for the Saturday evening liturgy. If there are any sacramental emergencies, please contact your local Catholic Church. But you may also call Fr. Lewis' mobile to let him know.

Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy

Feb. 1/2 for the Teal Pew Book

- Troparion, Prok. & Alleluia, etc. Tone 1 p. 125
- Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18
- Thrice Holy Hymn: B p. 28
- Cherubikon: C p. 44
- Creed: B p. 53
- "Holy Holy Holy": B p. 56
- Our Father: Tone 1 p. 66
- "We Have Seen": A p. 82
- "May Our Mouths Be Filled": A p. 84
- "Blessed be the Name of the Lord": B p.88