



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY—SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS; AND THE HOLY MARTYR POLYCARP, BISHOP OF SMYRNA—TONE 4

Saturday Feb. 22 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Sunday Feb. 23 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Romans 13:11-1:4; Matthew 6:14-21
11:30AM Cheesefare Sunday Pot-luck Luncheon
12:30AM Forgiveness Vespers of Cheesefare Sunday

Monday Feb. 24 **CLEAN MONDAY, AND THE FIRST AND SECOND FINDING OF THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (STRICT ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND DAIRY)**
7:30PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Jeanne Warzeski by Gina B. and Ken H.

Wednesday Feb. 26 **OUR HOLY FATHER PORPHYRIUS, BISHOP OF GAZA (simple abstinence from meat)**
7:30PM Bible Study and Great Compline for the Great Fast

Friday Feb. 28 **OUR VENERABLE FATHER AND CONFESSOR BASIL (simple abstinence from meat)**
7:30PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy

1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY AND MEMORY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS—TONE 5

Saturday Feb. 29 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for Betty Yurchik

Sunday Mar. 1 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
9:30AM Third Hour
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish with the Baptism of Ignatius Reed Fuchko
Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2; John 1:43-51
11:45AM ECF and Adult Education resume

*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 2/02/2020	Stewardship 2/16/2020
Offertory \$1,816.00	Offertory \$2,627.00
Capital Imp. \$855	Capital Imp. \$200
ECL \$129	Lent \$20
Stewardship 2/09/2020	Feb. Off. Total: \$7,779.00
Offertory \$3,336.00	Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,280
Capital Imp. \$225	ECL \$141
ECL \$12	Lent \$20
	Feb. Operating Budget \$9,840

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, 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! **41 families have donated a total of \$12,250 towards our goal of \$10,800!** Because of your generosity, we will receive a rebate of 40%, which at this time will be \$4,900! Thank you so much to all those who have chipped in to meet this challenge. Refund checks are usually mailed in July.

GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY THIS WEEKEND! Thank you so much to all who participated in the grounds cleanup day! Together we accomplished a tremendous amount of work, filled one whole dumpster, and chipped much more material. This is just the beginning,

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

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

147. If He who is in want of nothing and shows no favours did not receive the man coming with a gift to the altar until he was reconciled with his neighbor who had something against him (cf. Matt. 5:23-24), consider how much we must be on guard and use discrimination if we are to offer at the spiritual altar incense that is acceptable to God.

and there will be many more opportunities for us to make our church grounds more beautiful and inviting—to help beautify God's house. May God bless you all for your efforts!

THE GREAT FAST: The Great Fast is upon us. This wonderful time of repentance, fasting, prayer, alms-giving, and purification of soul and body is given to us by the Church and by Christ for our benefit. Let us take this Fast seriously, so that we may become ever more closer to Jesus Christ, so that we can be conduits of His Holy Spirit to those we encounter.

PHOTO DIRECTORY: Yes, many are wondering when we will get our copies of the photo directory. It will soon be finalized, and will take 4-6 weeks for production and delivery after that. If anyone DOES NOT want any personal info in the directory, then notify the parish office.

Altar Lamp Memorials and Divine Liturgy Intentions can now be accepted for 2020. Remaining Months for

Altar Lamps:

April, May, June, September, October, November, and December.

Altar Lamps suggested donation is \$50, and Divine Liturgy and Panachida suggested stipend is \$15.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 23 Cheesefare Sunday: Parish Potluck Luncheon followed by Forgiveness Vespers
- Feb. 24 First Day of the Great Fast: Presanctified DL
- Mar. 1 ECF & Adult Education Resume
- Mar. 7 2nd All Souls Saturday

Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy

Feb. 22/23 for the Teal Pew Book

Propers: Tone 4 p141 & Cheesefare Sunday p. 218

Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18

Thrice Holy Hymn: E p. 30

Cherubikon: F p. 47

Creed: A p. 51

"Holy Holy Holy": B p. 56

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": B p.88

Fasting Regulations for the Great Fast

EPARCHIAL REGULATIONS: All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast—there is no alternative penance. All adults who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on the first day of The Fast, Monday, Feb. 24, and on Great and Holy Friday, April 10.

FROM THE TYPICON (A GUIDEBOOK FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY AND DIVINE OFFICE): “In the Great Fast, abstinence from meat, fish, dairy products, alcohol and foods cooked in oil was prescribed for all days, except days of mitigation. All Saturdays and Sundays, February 24, March 9, Wednesday to Friday of the Fifth Week, the Prefestive Day and Otdenjie of Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday were general mitigations. The Ruthenian Metropolia prescribes strict abstinence (from meat and dairy products) on the First Monday of the Great Fast and on Good Friday, and abstinence from meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays.”

DISPENSATION: Pastors and Administrators may, for a just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families, dispensations or commutations of the fasting rules into other pious practices. Those who are pregnant or nursing, and those in advanced age may seek dispensations for health reasons.

POSSIBLE FASTING REGIMINES: Enclosed are a variety of fasting possibilities for those who seek the spiritual benefit of challenging themselves to a deeper participation in the Great Fast. One can start simple and increase the difficulty as the Fast progresses. **Either way, all are encouraged to do more than the minimum, except the elderly, pregnant, small children, and those with special medical issues.**

	First Day of the Fast Strict Fast	Fasting Required by our Eparchy					
Sunday No Fasting	Monday No Fasting	Tuesday No Fasting	Wednesday Fast from meat	Thursday No Fasting	Friday Fast from meat	Saturday No Fasting	
					Good Friday Strict Fast		

	First Day of the Fast Strict Fast	Option 1 Fasting					
Sunday No Fasting	Monday Fast from meat	Tuesday No Fasting	Wednesday Fast from meat	Thursday No Fasting	Friday Fast from meat	Saturday No Fasting	
					Good Friday Strict Fast		

	First Day of the Fast Strict Fast	Option 2 Fasting					
Sunday No Fasting	Monday Fast from meat	Tuesday Fast from meat	Wednesday Fast from meat	Thursday Fast from meat	Friday Fast from meat	Saturday No Fasting	
					Good Friday Strict Fast		

	First Day of the Fast Strict Fast	Option 3 Fasting					
Sunday No Fasting	Monday Fast from meat	Tuesday Fast from meat	Wednesday Strict Fast	Thursday Fast from meat	Friday Strict Fast	Saturday No Fasting	
					Good Friday Strict Fast		

	First Day of the Fast Strict Fast	Option 4 Fasting					
Sunday Fast from meat	Monday Strict Fast	Tuesday Strict Fast	Wednesday Strict Fast	Thursday Strict Fast	Friday Strict Fast	Saturday Fast from meat	
					Good Friday Strict Fast		

Special Notes
The tradition also suggests that fish with a backbone is considered flesh and meat, however, any type of shellfish is permitted all days of the fast. It is also the tradition that both wine and oil are abstained from as well; this may have been because of their storage in animal skins, but either way, alcohol is good to abstain from during the Great Fast.