



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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— Schedule of Divine Services —

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND AND THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDRONICUS AND HIS COMPANIONS

Saturday May 16 5:30PM Great Vespers of The Man Born Blind (inside)
Sunday May 17 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (outside)
Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34, & John 9:1-38

Tues. May 19 **THE HOLY MARTYR PATRICK, BISHOP OF PRUSA AND HIS COMPANIONS**
7:30PM Men's Group Meetings resume

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION)

Wed. May 20 7:30PM Great Vespers for the Ascension with Litija (inside)
Wed. May 21 11:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Andrew Ray Family by Martha Jane Ray (inside)
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (inside)

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL; POST-FESTIVE DAY OF ASCENSION

Saturday May 23 5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Bernabe Garcia by Antonia Reidy (inside)
Sunday May 24 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (outside)
Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36, & John 17:1-13

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

During the month of May, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Hugh and +Sandra Fennell, by Richard & Lorie Murray

Altar Lamp Memorials and Divine Liturgy Intentions can now be accepted for 2020. Remaining Months for Altar Lamps:
October, November, and December.
Altar Lamps suggested donation is \$50, and Divine Liturgy and Panachida suggested stipend is \$15.

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 5/03/2020	May Off. Total:	\$7,39500
Offertory \$3,254.00	Easter	\$50
Easter \$50	Ascension	\$20
Ascension \$20	Seminary	\$90
Capital Imp. \$140	Cath. Home. Miss.	\$10
Stewardship 5/10/2020	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$200
Offertory \$4,141.00	May Operating Budget	\$13,022
Seminary \$90		
Capital Imp. \$60		
Cath. Home. Miss. \$10		

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: John Evancko, Joseph & Joanne Baranko, Clara Vranich, Daniel Cunningham, Patricia Rabayda, Catherine Garcia, Betty Yurchik, Frank Korkowski, Patricia Anne Reidy, and Jeff Lovall. *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 Sergeant 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.*

THANK YOU TO THE GROUNDS CREW! Thank you so much to all who participated in our grounds cleanup day! It was another success with a tremendous amount of work being accomplished. Together, we felled 5 dead trees, lined the driveway, assembled our new picnic tables, raked our picnic area, tore down invasive vines, cut many fallen trees and branches, and cleaned up the woods East of the large parking pad. The dumpster isn't full yet, so if anyone has a hankering for some serious outdoor work, let Fr. Lewis know. You are invited!

MEN'S GROUP RESUMING THIS WEEK: We will resume our Men's Group this week at 7:30PM. It is Fr. Lewis' intension to also setup a Zoom Account for those who may not be able to attend the meetings in person but who wish to participate—the Zoom invitation will be emailed out on Tuesday. As usual, we will read some spiritual text and apply them to our lives as men. Please mark your calendars.

CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MAILED IN: Thank you so much to all those who have made the effort to mail-in their contributions! Because of your dedication to our parish, we have been to maintain the excellent momentum that we have enjoyed these past few years. We have had many unexpected expenses these past two months, but we have been able to meet them because of you! May God continue to bless you and your families!

CONFESSION AVAILABLE: Fr. Lewis will be available for confession at almost anytime in the near future. Fr. Lewis will make arrangements to hear confessions in accordance with proper social distancing, and/or confessions may be heard outside.

NEW CAMERAS ARRIVED! Our new permanent Live-stream cameras arrived last week. We will only be using one of the cameras for our current streams, but when we move back inside for services, we will have two cameras which will give some variety for those watching at home and in the narthex. In time, we will also be getting a TV and speakers for the narthex, so that those who wish to take their children into the narthex may do so and not miss any of the liturgy. As many of you know, this project has been on our minds.

FURTHER DISPENSATION OF OBLIGATION AND OUTDOOR LITURGY: Bishop Kurt has extended the dispensation from attending the Sunday Divine Liturgy for all of the faithful of the Eparchy of Passaic through May 31. Those who feel it is not yet safe for them to be in public may continue to stay at home. However, those who are prepared are encouraged to participate in the outdoor Divine Liturgy on Sunday.

In case of inclement weather for an upcoming Outdoor Sunday liturgy, we may email the parish on Saturday morning if the weather is looking better for Saturday night at 5:30PM than it is on Sunday morning. So, please be vigilant of the weather and check your email.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: We will be moving inside for four services this week. Please keep in mind that the expected social distancing guidelines will be in place, and that books will continue to not be available. Please bring your simple copy of the Divine Liturgy that was offered on Sunday. Keep in mind that Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation: Ascension. Divine Liturgy will be offered twice that day. If we reach capacity, we reserve the right to ask others to not stay for the service. We apologize for this inconvenience. Masks are encouraged for those who may be vulnerable.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD! The Ascension of Our Lord is a Holyday of Obligation. However, because of world events, current obligations have been dispensed by Bishop Kurt for subjects of the Eparchy of Passaic, as well as by the authorities in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. This feast-day commemorates a most glorious event, when, after taking on human flesh, our Lord and Creator brought that flesh into hades, and rose up

to heaven only to return here to earth. After completing His earthly ministry, He then took that same flesh, now glorified, into heaven permanently, thus, bringing all of humanity up to heaven with Him, and making this journey possible for each one who believes in Him, who eats His Flesh, and who enacts His will in their lives. Glory to your Ascension, O Lord!

VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY: Next Saturday, we will resume our usual Saturday evening Divine Liturgy inside. However, as mentioned before, this liturgy will be transitioned to the proper Vigil Divine Liturgy. This means that Liturgy will begin with Vespers, and then move into the Divine Liturgy at the Thrice Holy Hymn before the Liturgy of the Word. We will discuss how this service is celebrated before the service begins.