



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

MEATFARE SUNDAY; TONE 3

Saturday Feb. 6 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for Fr. Milan Kasperek by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday Feb. 7 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (streamed)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 & Matthew 25:31-46
11:20AM Panachida for the repose of +Pasquale Musolino by Steve Musolino
11:45AM Meatfare Luncheon and Picnic with campfire

Wed. Feb. 10 **CHEESEFARE WEDNESDAY; THE HOLY MARTYR CHARALAMPAS**
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for Daniel Castillo by Jacob Watson

Fri. Feb. 12 **CHEESEFARE FRIDAY; OUR HOLY FATHER MELITIUS** (simple abstinence from meat)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Departed for the repose of +Magda (Marge) Crump
by Anna-Marie Hernandez

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY, THE SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS; TONE 4

Saturday Feb. 13 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for Catherine Sharahan by Kateri Howard

Sunday Feb. 14 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (streamed)
Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 & Matthew 6:14-21
11:20AM Panachida for the repose of +Joseph Vranich by Dian Bushko
11:45AM Cheesefare Luncheon/Picnic
1PM Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness with the service of Mutual Forgiveness

*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 the repose of +Rudy & +Dolores Grzincic by Deacon James Smith

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 Bap-

tized 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.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Suzanne Pichnarcik, Karen Madrigal, Anna Cospelich, Ed Sabula, Alexandria Odish, Riordan Catton, 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, Sergeant Francis "Joseph" Fuchko, and the newly enlisted David Russo.

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.

2020 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: Our parish goal is the same as last year at \$10,800. As of Jan. 24, we have now reached our goal! **So far, 29 families have contributed \$9,210, and another \$1,590 has been pledged! Thank you so much for your incredible generosity!**

CONDOLENCES TO THE MUSOLINO FAMILY:

+Pasquale Musolino, father of Steve Musolino, fell asleep in the Lord on January 31st. We will pray a Panachida for +Pasquale's blessed repose, and ask that God remember him forever. We also pray for the Musolino family in their time of mourning and ask God to give them comfort.

HOLY WATER AND BLESSING OF HOMES: Fresh Holy Water is now available in the Baptismal Font. Homes will begin to be blessed the beginning of February due to Fr. Lewis' need to quarantine and setting up a schedule. If you are interested in having your home blessed, please contact the parish office.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION REPORTS: The annual contribution reports are now available in the narthex, please see the table, Fr. Lewis, or Dcn. James to receive your report. Those not picked up this weekend will be mailed. If however, you would like your report quicker than snail mail, then Fr. Lewis can email your report to you, please email the parish office if this is your desire.

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY, PICNIC & VESPERS: We will have another pot-luck picnic on Sunday, Feb. 14th. This is, in essence, our Byzantine Marti Gras, minus the meat products. Please see Fr. Lewis or those who were previously involved with these events for information. As we have for the past few years, we will also be celebrating the Vespers of Forgiveness Sunday after the picnic. It is ideal to seriously consider forgiving our neighbor their wrongs, before we actually offer each-other mutual forgiveness.

ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING: On Sunday, Feb. 21, we will again have our annual finance meeting. It will be much shorter than in previous years, and will take place after the Sunday Liturgy. A general report for all will be published in the bulletin.

NOTES FROM THE TYPICON: "The Fast of Cheesefare Week: Today this fast is considered a part of the Great Fast, a preparation period in which we enter gradually into the asceticism of the Fast. It originated, however, in the Oriental Orthodox (non-Chalcedonian) Churches and was separate from the Great Fast. It was called the Fast of Nineveh, and was observed three weeks before the Great Fast, in what is now the Week after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. The Byzantine Church would not observe it at the same time as those Churches in which it was not in communion and moved it to the Week before the Great Fast.



PERK ARTISAN COFFEE FUNDRAISER: We have enrolled in a fundraising program for those who enjoy excellent freshly roasted coffee. For each bag sold, the parish will receive a \$4 donation! The coffee is shipped to your home and may be whole bean or ground. Please visit our website for the link to Perk Artisan Coffee.

THANK YOU FROM THE ORTHODOX NUNS: We received a nice Thank You letter from the Abbess of the sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus for your generosity in purchasing items to help support their mission of ministering to the unwanted.

Months available for Altar Lamp Memorials: April, July, August, September, October, November, & December.
Suggested offering is \$50

Upcoming Events	
Feb. 14	Cheesefare Sunday: Picnic & Vespers
Feb. 15	First Day of the Great Fast: Presanctified DL
Feb. 17	Bible Study and Great Compline
Feb. 21	Annual Finance Meeting after Sunday Liturgy
Feb. 27	Parish Grounds-keeping Day 9AM-2PM

FOR SALE!



Nut & Poppyseed Rolls \$15 a roll

Stewardship 1/03/2021		Stewardship 1/24/2021	
Offertory	\$2,006.00	Offertory	\$1,989.00
Online Giving	\$1,068.57	Online Giving	\$606.40
Capital Imp.	\$2,195	Capital Imp.	\$50
Initial Offering	\$40	ECL	\$48
Stewardship 1/10/2021		Stewardship 1/31/2021	
Offertory	\$2,640.00	Offertory	\$1,401.00
Online Giving	\$256.80	Online Giving	\$1,086.70
Capital Imp.	\$950	Capital Imp.	\$125
Theophany	\$220	ECL	\$36
Initial Offering	\$75	Initial Offering	\$10
Stewardship 1/17/2021		Jan. Off. Total:	\$12,735.47
Offertory	\$1,416.00	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$3,445
Online Giving	\$265.00	Theophany	\$220
Capital Imp.	\$125	Init. Offering	\$125
		ECL	\$84
		Jan Operating Budget	\$10,060
		Feb Operating Budget	\$9,807

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AFTER MEATFARE SUNDAY

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

One theme present in the parable of the Sheep and the Goats is the assurance of a final judgment. The peoples of the world will be judged by Jesus Christ according to how they interacted with the least of their brethren. However, even though we are sinful, we call upon the incredible mercy of God to forgive us our sins.

APOSTICA OF VESPERS

T8 Glory: Alas! O my darkened soul, how long will you persist in sin? How long will you lie in laziness? Why do you not think of the dreadful hour of death? Do you not fear the awesome judgment seat of the Savior? How will you defend yourself? How will you be vindicated? Your works are there to convict you, and your actions witness against you. Moreover, time is growing short, O my soul; hasten and cry out in faith: I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned: but I know your love and your mercy. O Good Shepherd, in your goodness, do not deprive me of a place at your right hand.

Now and ever: O Virgin, you have never known wedlock, yet you conceived God in the flesh in a manner which words can never describe. You thus became the Mother of God on high. O Immaculate Lady, receive the supplication of your servants and grant us the cleansing of our sins. Accept now our prayers and beseech God to save all of us.

KONTAKION

When you come to the earth in glory, O God, and the universe trembles and a river of fire flows before your judgment seat and the books are opened and everything hidden is revealed, deliver me then from the unquenchable fire and make me worthy to stand at your right hand, O most righteous Judge.

IKOS OF MATINS

When I think of your fearful judgement and the day of your justice, O Lord of goodness, I tremble with fear; for my conscience accuses me. When You shall be seated upon the throne to ring the entire world before

You in trial, no one will be able to deny sins; for truth shall triumph and no one will dare dispute. The fires of Hades will crackle and sinners grind their teeth. But You, O Lord, have mercy on me and spare me, O righteous Judge.

HYMN OF LIGHT OF MATINS

As I think about the day of your fearful judgment and your ineffable glory, O Lord, I tremble with fright, and in fear I cry out: When You come upon the earth in your divine glory, O Christ, to judge the whole world, spare me and deliver me from punishment, O Master, and count me worthy to stand at your right hand.

Glory: Behold, the day of the Lord almighty is coming. Who can bear the terror of his presence? It is a day of wrath and a burning furnace, when the Judge shall be seated to render to each as our deeds deserve.

Now and ever: I consider the hour of judgment and your dreadful coming, O Lord and Lover of Mankind; and in my distress, I tremble and cry out to You: O Judge who alone are merciful, guide me back to You and accept me, through the prayers of the Mother of God.



A short, but intensive course on the history, theology and spirituality of icons. We will trace the development of Eastern Christian iconographic tradition through its main stages, look at its most remarkable phenomena, and try to understand theological and spiritual appeal of icons through the ages.

The course consists of 10 lectures (which you can attend live or view recorded on Youtube at your convenience.

Course description

This course will offer you a comprehensive introduction into one of the most remarkable phenomena of the Eastern Christian tradition, iconography. Icons are an important part of early Byzantine liturgy, spirituality and theology. Hence, in this course we will approach iconography from several mutually complimentary angles. We will:

- briefly survey the history of the development of the Byzantine iconographic tradition;
- ponder theological and spiritual significance of icons;
- examine main types of icons of Christ, Mother of God, Holy Trinity and early major liturgical feasts.

Naturally, the course will be predominantly component, as all lectures are based on PowerPoint presentations with numerous icons, frescoes, mosaics and architect-

FREE COURSE ON “THE MYSTERY OF ICONS” HOSTED BY THE ECF OFFICE OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PASSAIC

MYSTERY OF ICONS: INTRODUCTION INTO THE THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY OF THE ICON IN THE BYZANTINE TRADITION (FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 6, 3:00 - 4:45 PM EST)

tural monuments of early Byzantine and Ukrainian Church. Also the students will be invited to do some readings of Biblical, patristic and liturgical texts, as well as small portions of modern scholarly literature (optional).

Course duration: 10 meetings of 1 – 1,5 hour each.

Course duration

2 weeks (February 22 - March 6, 3:00 - 4:45 PM EST), 5 online Zoom-meetings (2 hours each covering two lectures/topics), available also for later viewing on YouTube. Schedule of meetings (small changes may apply):

February 22 - Lectures 1 & 2

February 24 - Lectures 3 & 4

February 27 - Lectures 5 & 6

March 3 - Lectures 7 & 8

March 6 - Lectures 9 & 10

Those who wish to obtain academic credits for this course should contact the instructor in order to discuss formal requirements and arrange for some additional course work (required reading, written assignments, and final paper). The maximum of 2 academic credits can be received for this course from the Ukrainian Catholic University (recognized and accepted at most of the US universities and colleges).

Instructor

Taras Tymos is a theology professor at the Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine) specializing in Eastern Christian theology, Church Fathers and iconography. He received his theological training from Ukrainian Catholic University (1999), Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium, 2001) and University of Notre Dame (USA, 2006). Since his student years he is interested in the theology of the icon, and since 2006 is involved with the School of Ukrainian Iconography at the Ukrainian Catholic University. He has taught various courses on the theology, history and spirituality of icons in Ukraine and internationally since 2010.

To learn more about this free course hosted by the ECF Office of Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic and how to join it either live or watch its recordings please visit:

https://sites.google.com/view/mystery-oficons-coursesite/home?fbclid=IwAR36z-RYuBhrxnykpgxOquTCKcCV9QaZLY-OISr9pqB_tfRvOxHQJW9EUWaqLw

Please share this information with anybody who might be interested to join this course!