



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY (Feast of Our Lord; today is not a day of fast—complete mitigation)

Saturday Mar. 27 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*

5:20PM Blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows

5:30PM Divine Liturgy with the Office of Christian Initiation of
Dominic Bartholomew Abraham Lazarus D’Alessandro

Sunday Mar. 28 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*

10:00AM Blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows with Palm Sunday Procession

10:10AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (streamed)
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 :: John 12:1-18

Holy Mon. Mar. 29 10:00AM Bridegroom Matins

Holy Wed. Mar. 31 5:30PM The Mystery of Repentance until 7PM

7:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory (simple abstinence from meat)

Holy Thurs. Apr. 1 6:30-7PM Mystery of Repentance

7:30PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Good Friday Apr. 2 10:00AM (day of strict fast, no meat or dairy) Passion Matins

7:30PM Burial Vespers

10PM-8AM Guarding of the Tomb during the night: All-Night Vigil of Psalm chanting and private prayer

Holy Sat. Apr. 3 8:00AM (simple abstinence from meat suggested, mitigation of wine) Jerusalem Matins (reader led)

PASCHA: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!

Saturday Apr. 3 7:30PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Romans 6:3-11 & Matthew 28:1-20

9:45PM The Blessing of Baskets

Sunday Apr. 4 10:00AM Resurrection Matins

11:15AM Divine Liturgy of for the faithful of Epiphany Parish

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17

*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 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, Anna Cospelich, Ed Sabula, Alexandria Odish, Joseph & Joanne Baranko, Clara Vranich, 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.

CHANGE IN PASCHA SERVICES: Please note that this year we will be adhering to the schedule change of last year because of the length of services. The Typicon states that the Vigil Basil liturgy for Holy Saturday evening is not to be omitted for any reason, as it is the most important liturgy of the year. However, it is a little over two hours in duration, so we will move the Resurrection Matins to the morning of Pascha. Sunday morning will begin with Resurrection Matins, and then we will proceed with the Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and end with the blessing of baskets.

We will also have the opportunity to once again guard the Tomb through the night. One may sign up to guard a specific hour of the night, and the vigil will end with a reader-led Jerusalem Matins.

MONTHLY PICNIC ON THOMAS SUNDAY: We will have our monthly picnic on Thomas Sunday Apr. 11, instead of Pacha, as many will want to be home eating with their families. We will, however, have an Easter Egg hunt for the children at this picnic in addition to other good times. Please consider attending and bringing a side or desert.

NOTES FROM THE TYPICON ON THE FINAL WEEK OF THE FAST: Friday, March 26 is the end of the forty-day fast before Pascha that runs from the Monday after Cheesefare Sunday until the day before Lazarus Saturday. In origin this fast seems to be an imitation of the forty-day fast Jesus made after His baptism in the Jordan. In Egypt, it prepared the catechumens for the reception of baptism on the fortieth day after Theophany. Today it is done immediately before Pascha and concludes with a day of baptism on Lazarus Saturday. The Great and Holy Week remains as a period of six days of even more intense penance as an immediate preparation for Pascha, perhaps originating in the Jewish Week of Unleavened Bread, which was understood as a period of fast. The Paschal Fast of Holy Week is, therefore, more ancient than that of the Great Forty-day Fast.

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE/CONFESSION: It is stated in Canon Law that a Catholic in good standing must avail themselves of the Sacrament of Confession at least once each year, and receive the Eucharist at least once each year. Periods of fasting are the ideal times for confessing one’s sins and receiving forgiveness from Jesus Christ through His servant, an ordained priest. We will have extra time and an extra confessor available on Holy Wednesday and Holy Thursday for this purpose. One may also make an appointment to confess. This is especially important this year, as many have not attended the Divine Liturgy in person and have not received the Eucharist in a year, even though bishops granted dispensations. Our bishop has asked the priests to encourage the faithful to come back and once again receive the Life-Creating Mysteries of Christ. Special arrangements can be made.

**During the month of March, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle
for the repose of +Edward & +Marie Klotz by Ed Klotz**

Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy

March 27/28 for the Teal Pew Book

Baptism Liturgy begins in handout:
The Mystery of Christian Initiation

Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows: See handout
Palm (Flowery) Sunday Propers: p. 235 or see insert

Antiphons of the Feast: p.235

Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18

Thrice Holy Hymn: B p. 28

Cherubikon: A p. 42

Creed: B p. 53

Holy, Holy, Holy: C p. 57

Our Father: Tone 4 Podoben p. 74

"We Have Seen": A p. 82

"May Our Mouths Be Filled": A p. 84

"Blessed be the Name of the Lord": C p.88

Thanksgiving Prayers: p.95-96

Upcoming Events

Apr. 5 7:30PM Bright Monday Paschal Divine
Liturgy with Gospel Procession

Apr. 11 Monthly Picnic with Easter Egg Hunt

Stewardship 3/07/2021

Offertory \$2,359.00

Online Giving \$1004.70

Capital Imp. \$405

Lenten Coll. \$50

ECL \$12

Stewardship 3/14/2021

Offertory \$3,886.00

Online Giving \$178.54

Capital Imp. \$840

Lenten Coll. \$20

Easter Flowers \$150

Stewardship 3/21/2021

Offertory \$820.00

Online Giving \$528.3

Capital Imp. \$248.1

Easter Flowers \$30

Easter Coll. \$20

Mar. Off. Total: \$8,776.54

Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,493.10

Lenten Coll. \$70

ECL \$12

Easter Flowers \$180

Easter Coll. \$20

Mar. Operating Budget \$9,179

PRAYERS FOR PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

During this glorious feast of Christ's Triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we focus on the recognition of the faithful God's chosen messenger, God's Son, the Messiah, and He is given praise and welcome.

APOSTICA OF VESPERS

Rejoice, O city of Zion, and dance with joy, O Church of God; for, behold, your King comes to you in meekness and humility; the children welcome Him and sing: Hosanna in the highest; blessed are You, O compassionate Lord; have mercy on us.

The Savior has come into the city of Jerusalem today to fulfill the Scriptures. The people spread their garments along the way; they carry palms and branches in their hands, recognizing that He is indeed our God. The Cherubim sing unceasingly to Him: Hosanna in the highest; blessed are You, O compassionate Lord; have mercy on us.

You are seated upon the throne of the Cherubim and are praised by the Seraphim; as David, You rode upon a donkey. The children praise You as God; the Pharisees blaspheme You unjustly; and your riding upon the colt symbolizes the conversion of the pagans. O only Lover of Mankind and compassionate Lord, glory to You.

Tone 6 Glory...now and ever: Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together; and taking up your Cross, we all say; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.

KONTAKION

In heaven You are carried upon a throne; on earth You rode upon a colt, O Christ our God. You received the praise of angels and the hymns of children crying out to You: Blessed is He who came to restore Adam.

IKOS OF MATINS

O immortal Lord, You have triumphed over Hades, trampled Death and raised the whole world. The children carrying branches praise your victory, O Christ, and they cry out to You today; Hosanna to the Son of David! No longer shall the children be slaughtered because of the Son of Mary; instead, You are crucified for the salvation of all, young and old alike. No longer shall the sword be drawn against us, for a lance shall pierce your side. Therefore, in joy we say; Blessed is He who comes to restore Adam.



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.

FASTING: Remember, there is no alternate penance for not adhering to the fasting regimen outlined in the weekly schedule.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION REPORTS: If you would like your contribution report quicker than snail mail, then Fr. Lewis can email your report to you, please email the parish office.