



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

CHRISTMAS, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Saturday Dec 24 7:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Mirovanjia
for Fr. George & Juliana Gage by the Bragg Family (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12 & Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

9:30PM Great Compline with Litija (live streamed)

Sunday Dec 25 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*

10AM Divine Liturgy with Mirovanjia for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Monday Dec 26 SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS (Solemn Holyday)

12NOON Divine Liturgy for the Savasir Family by The Bragg Family

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY; CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD; & OUR HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT—TONE 3

Saturday Dec. 31 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for Fr. Dismas Kimboi by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday Jan. 1 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance

10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
With the Office of Christian Initiation of John Eugene Erasmus Bucci D'Alessandro
Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 & Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

No ECF for children until Jan. 15

During the month of December, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for
The Tymchyshyn Family both living and deceased by George Tymchyshyn

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.



Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Christos Raždajetsja! Slavite Jeho!



2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: So far, 17 families have contributed \$5,920 towards our goal of \$10,800! If we reach or exceed our goal, the parish will receive a rebate of 40% of that total after the campaign has concluded. The last two years, we exceeded our goal and received back around \$5k! It is suggested that if each family contributes \$200, then we will meet our goal. The Chancery Office will credit all donations dated Dec. 31 as having been received in 2022.

THEOPHANY—PARISH FEASTDAY: We will celebrate our Parish Feastday, which is also a Holyday of Obligation on January 5-6. The Jordan Water will be blessed during the evening Vigil Basil Liturgy on January 5, and then after the Noon Liturgy on January 6, we will then meet at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 675 Riverside Rd, Roswell, GA 30075, to bless the Chattahoochee River. It is customary to bless the local body of water on this day, and we have been hoping to add this to our liturgical celebration for a few years now. Please join us for this beautiful day.

REMEMBER:: full liturgical calendar available on website

***PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE:** Some corrections have been made by the civil and structural engineers, and has been resubmitted for final approval. City and Engi-

neers are now in need of a comprehensive survey of the property to complete their work. Surveyors are being contacted.

ALTAR LAMP MEMORIALS:

If you would like to offer a memorial for the living or the deceased via the perpetual burning of the Altar Lamp—signifying Christ's Presence in the Tabernacle—then you may reserve the Lamp for months in 2023 now. The suggested offering is \$50. Available Months: Feb, Mar, Apr, June, Aug, Sept, Oct, & Nov.

ADULT EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENT: Come and hear what the priest-prophet Ezekiel had to say. Learn about the Babylonian captivity and the visions that Ezekiel had. Hear the story of how the dead bones of Israel come to life. The class will run concurrent with the Sundays of ECF. We will meet after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. The first class will be Sunday, Jan. 15. To get the most out of the class, reading the chapters before meeting will enhance the experience. This will also facilitate discussion as opposed to just hearing lectures. For the first class please read Chapters 1-6. I look forward to seeing everyone. Dcn James

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Ihor Bilyy, Robin Cutcuin, John Grzincik, Fr. Robert Stash, Patricia Reed, Mario Marione, Brenda Bryant, Ernie & Patricia Holewinski, John Gollner, Logan Camacho, John Rooth, Suzanne Pichnarcik, and Anna Cospelich. *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: Pvt. Bryan Buck, Pvt. Michael Fuchko, Sailor David Russo, Sergeant Francis "Joseph" Fuchko, and Commander William Bridges. *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.*

BYZANTINE CHRISTMAS CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: PACKS OF 15 FOR \$15

Upcoming Events

Jan 6. Parish Feastday & Blessing of the Chattahoochee River at St. Andrews: 675 Riverside Rd, Roswell, GA 30075

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Stewardship 12/18/2022	Dec. Off. Total:	\$8,877.30
Offertory \$1,685	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$1,050
Online Giving \$457.40	Christmas	\$100
Capital Imp. \$185	Christmas Flowers	\$200
Christmas Flowers \$50	Retired Religious	\$205
	Dec. Op. Budget	\$12,117

Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy December 24/25 for the Teal Pew Book Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

—Vigil Divine Liturgy Booklet:
Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for the
Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

—Great Compline Booklet

Green Pew Book—1st, 2nd, & 3rd Antiphons: p. 289

Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18

Troparion & Kontakion p. 290

Thrice Holy Hymn: C p. 28

Cherubikon: Special Melody p. 292

Creed: B p. 53

Holy, Holy, Holy: C p. 57

"We praise you, we bless you...": Special Melody p. 293

Our Father: Tone 4 Podoben p. 74

"We Have Seen": A p. 82

"May Our Mouths Be Filled": B p. 85

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

Thanksgiving Prayers: p. 95-96

Christmas Message

The Year of Our Lord 2022

Bishop Kurt Burnette

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

My dear friends,

This year at Christmas, a major part of our brothers and sisters in the Byzantine Catholic Church, or as we are called in Europe, the Greek Catholic Church, are living in a country at war with enemy missiles and war jets and the new horror--deadly drones flying overhead. Under these skies, they are taking time, as we are, to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. We call Him the Prince of Peace because the most high God Himself, speaking through his prophet Isaiah told us, He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

On Christmas Day, one hundred and fifty eight years ago, war was raging here in the United States. Henry Longfellow was seated by the bed of his severely wounded son Charles, and did not know if his son would live. Hearing the bells from the churches, Longfellow wrote his painful poem asking, how can we sing “Peace on earth, good will to men!”, and how can we call Jesus “The Prince of Peace”? After all, the United States was almost entirely Christian, many of the settlers came expressly to practice their Christian faith without interference. Yet in a war entirely of their own making, six hundred thousand Americans died at the hands of each other. Longfellow writes, “and in despair I bowed my head; ‘There is no peace on earth,’ I said; ‘For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men!’” Yet he says in the last verse that in the persistent peal of the bells, more loud and deep, he heard the words, “God is not dead; nor doth he sleep! The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men!”

A century and a half later, the Christmas bells draw us back to our churches, where we renew our Faith and our Hope by the grace of almighty God. We come together, and in the singing, surrounded by beautiful icons—windows into heaven, our prayers for peace rise up with the incense to the throne of God. We confess our own sins and ask for mercy, and ask God to touch the hearts of others who are most in need of His mercy.

We renew our Faith that tells us these truths: we are each made in the image and likeness of God. We each share by our very creation in God’s beauty, in His justice, in His power to create, in His power to love, and in His power to forgive. God is the master of history, not the men who seem powerful in this world. And at the end, God will judge the living and the dead, each one according to his or her works. The Last Word belongs to God.

We renew our Hope because Jesus Christ conquered death and conquered sin and evil. Our Christian Hope is about the present and the future. Speaking again through His prophet Isaiah, God says, though your sins are as scarlet, I will make you as white as snow. Jesus said, I go ahead of you to prepare a place for you; my Father's house has many mansions. At every Divine Liturgy, we profess openly our Hope: I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. So be it.

Finally, as we are drawn to church by the bells of Christmas, we ask God to renew our Charity, our Christian Love. As God loved us, even in our sins, He took on our flesh and was born of a woman. We ask for the grace to love each other, sinners as we are, and even pray for our enemies as Jesus taught us. The Prince of Peace told us, if you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Even the nonbelievers do that. I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.

See! Your King comes to you, humble and welcoming. Just as the angels in the sky invited the shepherds in the field to come worship the new born King in his humble state, we hear the church bells and hasten to our churches to adore the new born child in his mother's arms. The flesh and blood that He took from His mother, He gives to us in our Holy Communion this Christmas Day.

My prayer for each of you, my dear friends, is this: that you find Christ in your heart and make him your King in the throne of your soul. That He give to you this Christmas a renewed Faith in His particular love for you. That He renew your Hope in His plan for you and renew your Hope in your heavenly reward. And that He reignite in your heart the Divine Love which conquers hate and darkness. May your New Year be a year of light, joy, and peace—peace in your heart, peace in your family, peace with your friends, and peace in the world.

Come to us, oh Prince of Peace!