



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## — Schedule of Divine Services —

### 32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; OUR VENERABLE FATHERS PAUL OF THEBES AND JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER—TONE 7

**Saturday Jan. 14** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance  
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Bragg Family

**Sunday Jan. 15** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)  
Epistle: 1Timothy 1:15-17 & Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28  
11:20AM Panachida for the repose of +Ashley Eubanks by Jonathan Bragg  
11:45AM ECF & Adult Education Resume

**Wednesday Jan. 18** **Our Holy Father Athanasius & Cyril of Alexandria**  
6:30PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Andrew DiBuo by Patricia Rabayda

**Friday Jan. 20** **Our Venerable and God-bearing Father Euthymius the Great** (simple abstinence from meat)  
6:30PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of the +Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Bragg Family

### 33RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS—TONE 8

**Saturday Jan. 21** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance  
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Dcn. Michael Tisma by Jane Cunningham  
6:45PM Panachida for the repose of +Dcn. Michael Tisma

**Sunday Jan. 22** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)  
Epistle: 1Timothy 4:9-15 & Gospel: Luke 19:1-10  
11:45AM ECF & Adult Education

\*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

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### LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Ihor Bilyy, Robin Cutcuin, John Grzincic, 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.*

## 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.

**JORDAN HOLY WATER & NEW ICON:** We had a very blessed feast of Theophany and our Blessing of the Chattahoochee River went very well. We also blessed a new Icon of Theophany which has been donated to the parish by Richard Baranko in memory of his late brother and Epiphany parishioner +Joseph Baranko. Holy Water is now available for you to take home from the Baptismal Font.

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** If you would like to have your home blessed, which is our custom after Theophany, please contact the parish office, and we will schedule a date as soon as possible.

**GIVING ENVELOPES DELAYED:** Our envelope printing company has informed us of a delay in production and shipment of our giving envelopes. They will be distributed as soon as they arrive. Checks are always best and will be credited to your name.

**2023 Liturgical Wall Calendars are now available!**

**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.

**\*PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE:** Some corrections have been made by the civil and structural engineers, and has been resubmitted for final approval. City and Engineers are now in need of a comprehensive survey of the property to complete their work. Surveyors are being contacted.

**REGINA CAELI ACADEMY:** has an immediate need for tutors for the 2022-23 academic year! Formal teaching experience is not needed, but a love of the Catholic faith is required! Apply online at <https://rcahybrid.issolvedhire.com/jobs/>

**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: Mar, Apr, Sept, & 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.

**ALL-SOULS SATURDAYS:** Please see the insert for some information on the tradition of praying for the deceased. Each year beginning before the Great Fast, we have special liturgies at which we pray a Panachida for the deceased of our families. We will have Divine Liturgies for the first and last All-Souls Saturday, and we will have Panachidas on Friday nights after the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts during the Fast for the remaining 3 All-Souls Saturdays. You will need to resubmit your names each year with an accompanying stipend, the current Eparchial suggested stipend is \$50. Names will need to be submitted by Wednesday, Feb. 8. The first All-Souls Saturday is Feb. 11 at 10AM.

—Since many have protestant family members, please note that the names will be prayed for during the Panachida, so we will be able to pray for those outside of the Catholic communion.

During the month of January, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for  
+Barry Wooten by Mike & Irene Laschuk

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 15 ECF & Adult Education Resume
- Jan. 30 Three Holy Bishops (simple Feast) Divine Liturgy
- Feb. 8 All-Souls names Due
- Feb. 11 First All-Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy
- Feb. 12 Meatfare Picnic
- Feb. 19 Cheesefare Picnic & Forgiveness Vespers

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Stewardship 1/08/2023	<b>Jan. Off. Total:</b>	<b>\$6,547.65</b>
Offertory \$967	<b>Cap. Imp. Total:</b>	<b>\$235</b>
Online Giving \$2,019.65	Jan. Op. Budget	\$10,250
Capital Improvement \$50		

### Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy January 14/15 for the Teal Pew Book 32nd Sunday After Pentecost

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104

Propers Tone 7: p. 154

Sunday Antiphons: p. 14

Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19

Troparion & Kontakion T7 p.156-7

Thrice Holy Hymn: A p. 27

Cherubikon: D p. 45

Creed: A p. 51

Holy, Holy, Holy: C p. 57

"We praise you, we bless you...": D p. 59

Our Father: Tone 7 p. 72

"We Have Seen": A p.82

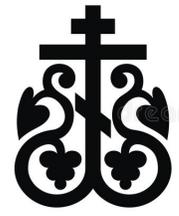
"May Our Mouths Be Filled": A p.84

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

Thanksgiving Prayers: p.95-96



# Light of the East



## *All Souls Saturdays*

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One of the most venerable traditions in the Eastern Church is the commemoration of the departed in our liturgical prayers. It is the constant teaching of the Church since Apostolic times that the departed can be helped by our prayers, offerings and good deeds. St. John Chrysostom (+407) in speaking of the faithful departed reminded his people: "Let us assist them according to our power. Let us think of some advantage for them, small though it be, but let us assist them. How and in what way? By praying for them, by asking others to pray for them, and by constantly giving alms to the poor in their behalf!" (*Homily on Philippians 3, 4*)

The custom of offering prayers and sacrifices for the departed comes to us from the Old Testament in the II Book of Maccabees 12:45: "It is therefore, a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins." In the Catholic Church, commemoration of the dead is considered as one of the main works of mercy.

All the early Liturgies of the Church contain a prayer for the departed. St. John Chrysostom wrote "Not in vain did the Apostles order that remembrance should be made of the dead in the awesome Mysteries. They knew that great gain resulted to the deceased, and great benefit. For when the whole assembly of the people stands with uplifted hands and that awesome Sacrifice lies displayed, how shall we not prevail with God by our entreaty for them? And this we do for those who have departed in faith!" (*Homily Philippians 3, 4*).

In the Byzantine Rite, we commemorate the deceased every day at the Divine Liturgy immediately after the Consecration with the petition: "Remember as well all those who have fallen asleep before us in the hope of resurrection to eternal life"

The Byzantine Church has since the ninth century established special days of prayer for the departed

**On Saturday, February 11, 2023, the first All Souls Saturday of this liturgical year, the Divine Liturgy for the Departed will be celebrated at 10:00 AM for the names of the deceased that have been submitted.**

During the *Panachida* all the names of our faithful departed are read aloud and prayed for. Be sure to submit the names of those deceased members of your family whom you wish to be remembered by **Feb. 8**. By our presence, our personal prayers, almsgiving and receiving Holy Communion at this Liturgy we strengthen the bond of love with our departed loved ones and indeed keep their memory everlasting!

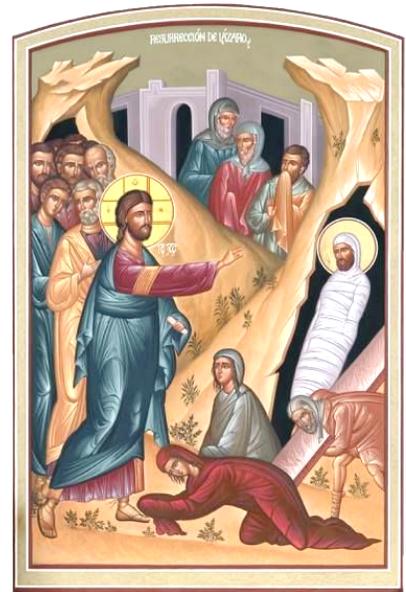
known as All Souls Saturday. The Sabbath day (Saturday) was chosen since in Hebrew “Sabbath” means “rest”. Thus we make a remembrance of the deceased on that “day of rest” for they are “resting” from all their earthly cares.” When commemorating our departed, we constantly implore God to give them eternal rest since, according to the Scriptures, to enter into God’s rest means to join Him in an eternal life of happiness. (Heb. 4:3-11; Rev. 14:13) In our liturgical year there are five All Souls Saturdays namely, Meat Fare Saturday, the Second, Third and Fourth Saturdays of the Great Lent, and the Saturday before Pentecost.

**M**eat-Fare Saturday is a special day of prayer since on Meat-Fare Sunday we liturgically commemorate the Last Judgment (Mt. 25:31-46). Therefore, on the previous day, we, in our charity, intercede with the merciful Judge for the deceased that they be placed at His right hand when He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**F**rom the beginning of Christianity, local churches kept registers, known as diptychs, of those who departed this life. The custom was to announce the names of the deceased during the liturgical services. This venerable custom was transmitted to us by our ancestors as a part of our beautiful spiritual heritage. Every year, just before Meat-Fare Saturday, the families give the lists of their departed loved ones to the pastor with the request that they be mentioned at the services held for the deceased on the *All Souls Saturday*. St. John Chrysostom assures us that: “It is a great honor to be worthy of mention, while the celebration of the Holy Mysteries is going on.” (*Homily on the Acts* 21, 4) Members of the family are encouraged to attend these services on the All Souls Saturdays for by their presence and by their personal prayers and receiving Holy Communion they strengthen the bond of love with their departed loved ones and indeed keep their memory everlasting!

**I**n the burial service according to the Byzantine Rite, the Church places the following words on the lips of the deceased, as we sing the hymns prescribed in bidding our departed loved one our final farewell:

*Come all you that love me and bid me farewell, for I shall no longer walk with you nor talk with you, since I am going to my Judge, Who shows no favors and rewards or punishes everyone according to his deeds. Therefore, I beg and implore all of you, pray for me continually to Christ our God that, on account of my sins, I may not be doomed into the place of affliction, but rather be granted a place where the light of life is shining!*



Memory Eternal for us all, until the battle is done and everything has found its rest.

**I**t is therefore of great consolation for us, the surviving friends and relatives of our faithful departed, to be able to help them and thus remain united to them by a bond of everlasting love. “May their memory be eternal.”

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