



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE—TONE 1

- Saturday Jan. 28** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Patricia Ann Rini by Dennis Reidi
- Sunday Jan. 29** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: 2Timothy 3:10-15 & Gospel: Luke 18:10-14
11:15AM Panachida for the repose of Emeritus Ukrainian +Bishop John Bura by Mike & Irene Laschuk
11:45AM ECF & Adult Education Ezekiel Ch. 13-18
- Monday Jan. 30** **The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom (Simple Holyday)**
6:30PM Divine Liturgy for Bishop Kurt Burnette by Fr. Lewis Rabayda

The Meeting of Our Lord, God, & Savior Jesus Christ with Simeon & Anna (The Presentation in the Temple—Solemn Holyday)

- Wednesday Feb. 1** 6:30PM Great Vespers with Litija
- Thursday Feb. 2** 6:30PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Patricia Ann Rini by Dennis Reidi With Blessing of Candles
- Friday Feb. 3** **Post-Festive Day of the Meeting: Synaxis of Simeon & Anna (NO FASTING)**

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON; POST-FESTIVE DAY OF THE MEETING IN THE TEMPLE—TONE 1

- Saturday Feb. 4** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Bragg Family
- Sunday Feb. 5** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish with the blessing of candles (live streamed)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 & Gospel: Luke 15:11-32
11:45AM ECF & Adult Education Ezekiel Ch. 19-24

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Ihor Bilyy, Robin Cutcuin, 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.

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.

JANUARY FINANCES: The online donation platform we subscribe to—Tithely—can have delays in processing payments directly from a savings or checking account. So, this past week we have received payments made in December, and to properly attribute each payment to the fiscal year in which they were originally donated, they have been input into our accounting software for the date they were originally made. However, this has slightly skewed how our December and January donations appear in this bulletin, as this January contains moneys donated in December of 2022, and how our upcoming Annual Financial Report will contain moneys appearing in this month's bulletin. But they have been reported here so that each parishioner is aware that their moneys have been received and noted. Thank you all for your tremendous generosity!

GIVING ENVELOPES DELAYED: No updates as of yet.
2023 Liturgical Wall Calendars are now available!

PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE: City and Engineers are now in need of a comprehensive survey of the property to complete their work. Surveyor had been secured, but we are still waiting for the survey.

ALTAR LAMP MEMORIALS:
All months in 2023 have now been reserved—thank you.

No Fasting the Week of the Publican & the Pharisee.

2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: No updates recently, but 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.

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. **Please read Chapters 13-18 for Jan. 29.**

ALL-SOULS SATURDAYS: 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.

FEAST OF THE MEETING IN THE TEMPLE: This week we will celebrate the completion of the Nativity of Christ when He will be Presented in the Temple to the Holy Prophets Simeon & Anna—this is a solemn holyday. **It is tradition to bless Candles on this day**, so you may bring your own, or candles will be available for purchase.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP KURT! There have been changes within the Metropolia this past week. The Holy Father has transferred Bishop Milan Lach SJ from the Eparchy of Parma to the Eparchy of Bratislava, Slovakia. Bishop Kurt Burnette has now been appointed as Administrator of both the Eparchies of Parma and Phoenix, as well as continuing to be the Ordinary of the Eparchy of Passaic.

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. 30	Three Holy Bishops (simple Feast) Divine Liturgy
Feb 1-2	Meeting in the Temple (Solemn Holyday)
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 1/22/2023	Jan. Off. Total:	\$17,315.05
Offertory \$3,897	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$755
Online Giving \$285.35	Jan. Op. Budget	\$10,250
Capital Improvement \$185		

Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy January 28/29 for the Teal Pew Book Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104

Propers Tone 1: p. 123

Sunday Antiphons: p. 14

Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19

Troparion T1 p.125, Kontakion of the Pharisee p. 215

Thrice Holy Hymn: C p. 28

Cherubikon: A p. 42

Creed: A p. 52

Holy, Holy, Holy: A p. 56

"We praise you, we bless you...": A p. 58

Our Father: Tone 1p. 66

"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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF THE PRODIGAL SON

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

One theme present in the parable of the Prodigal Son is intense repentance of the sinner. The Prodigal recognized how, by his own will, he chose to do evil. He then chose to return to his good Father, and was gloriously accepted and forgiven.

APOSTICA OF VESPERS

T6 Glory: I have wasted the treasure that my Father gave to me; I have lived among senseless animals; I have longed to eat the food of swine, and because no one offered it to me I remained hungry. But now I return to my Father who is so good, and with tears I cry out: Treat me as one of your servants, for I no longer deserve your love; and in your mercy, save me.

Now and ever: Christ the Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, came forth from your womb, O most pure Virgin. He clothed himself in our human flesh to set us free from the original curse of Adam. Therefore, O Mary, we praise you, without ceasing, as the true Virgin Mother of God, and we sing with the angels; Rejoice, O Lady, advocate, protector, and salvation of our souls.

T3 KONTAKION

When I foolishly spurned your fatherly glory, I squandered the riches you had given me on evil deeds. So now I cry out to you with the voice of the prodigal son: I have sinned against you, O merciful Father; accept my repentance and treat me as one of your hired servants.

IKOS OF MATINS

Each day the Savior speaks to us and instructs us with his own voice. Let us listen to what the Scriptures teach us about the Prodigal who became repentant; in faith let us imitate his praiseworthy conversion. In the humility of our hearts, let us say to God who sees all our secrets: O Father of mercy, we have sinned against You; we are no longer worthy to be called your children. But because of your great love for mankind, receive me, repentant, and make me as one of your hired servants.

HYMN OF LIGHT OF MATINS

The treasury of grace that you have given me, O God and Savior, I have wasted in a wretched way. Wickedly I squandered it, living far from You in foolish company. But now I return to You: Accept me, O God of mercy, as You once received the Prodigal, and save me.

Glory: I squandered your riches, O Lord, and in my misery, I served the perverse demons. But in the tenderness of your heart, O Savior, have mercy on me a prodigal, wash away my sin, and give me the choice robe in your kingdom, O Lord.

Now and ever: O holy Virgin and Mother of God, the glory of apostles, martyrs, prophets and all the saints, pierce the heart of your Son and Lord, in behalf of your servants, when He shall come to judge us and render to all according to their deeds.

