



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS—TONE 8

- Saturday Mar. 18** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Daniel Malakauskas by Sandra Malakauskas
6:45PM Birthday & Anniversary Blessing with a relic of the True Cross
- Sunday Mar. 19** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 & Ephesians 5:9019
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31 & Matthew 4:25-5:12
6:45PM Birthday & Anniversary Blessing with a relic of the True Cross
11:45AM Monthly Picnic — ECF — Adult Education Ezekiel Ch 25-28
- Wednesday Mar. 22** **The Great Canon of Our Holy Father Andrew of Crete** (abstinence from meat)
6:30PM Matins with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and many prostrations (apx. 2hrs)
- Friday Mar. 24** **Pre-festive Day of the Annunciation, Our Venerable Father Zachary** (abstinence from meat)
6:30PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of the +Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Bragg Family
- Saturday Mar. 25** **Annunciation of the Theotokos, Akathistos Saturday** (Solemn Holyday/NOT a day of fast)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Malakauskas Family by Sandra Malakauskas

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: LEAVE-TAKING OF THE ANNUNCIATION, THE SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL—TONE 1

- Saturday Mar. 25** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the repose of +Terry Pekne by Dennis Reidy
- Sunday Mar. 26** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 & Gospel: Mark 10:32-45
11:45AM ECF — Adult Education Ezekiel Ch 29-32

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

***Fr. Lewis on Retreat:** Fr. Lewis will be on Poustinea, a silent retreat, beginning Sunday night (3/19) at 6PM and ending on Wednesday morning (3/22) around 10AM. If anyone has a sacramental emergency, please phone your nearest Catholic Church.

process could still take some time until permits are awarded. There will be a meeting with the parish before we enter into the final stages of this project, as it has grown in size and will cover many sections of the property based on Roswell's requirements.

***PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE:** Survey will be conducted this week, and supplied to our engineers in two weeks. Then the engineers will address the comments of Roswell, and resubmit for approval. However, this

***St. Vincent De Paul Help Needed:** It has come to our attention that the Duluth branch of the St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store is in dire need of help to sort donated items for sale. Currently, they cannot receive any more

**During the month of March, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for
+Mykola & +Paraskevia Scheremeta by Mike & Irene Laschuk**

donations until their current donations can be organized and placed for sale. 2750 Buford Hwy, Duluth, GA 30096, Please call Leslie Long at 770-622-9533 for more accurate information. Mon 10AM-4PM, Tue 10AM-3PM, Wed-Fri 10AM-4PM, Sat 10AM-5:30PM. St. Vincent De Paul is a Catholic organization that provides help and assistance to those in need. Proceeds from their thrift stores supply much of the funds they use to give assistance. If you are available, please consider this donation of time as part of your Lenten Journey.

***ST. ANDEW OF CRETE:** Matins in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast is sung with the long penitential poem called the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete. This Canon takes vignettes from the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, and presents them to the assembled faithful as either examples of repentance to be followed, or examples of folly to be avoided. After each of the troparia of the Great Canon, we sing “Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me!” and make a full prostration. Because of this practice, among Rusyns and Galicians this service was called “Poklonyj,” “prostrations.” Please join us for this beautiful Matins! It should be noted that each Ode of the Canon ends with invocations of two saints. The first is our venerable mother Mary of Egypt, the infamous sinner who became a model of repentance and conversion. The

second is our holy father Andrew, the bishop of Crete and author of the hymns we are singing.

***ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS:** This is a Solemn Feast and regardless of what severity of fasting one is engaging with, all fasting is mitigated on this feast. This is the celebration of the Theotokos accepting the Archangel Gabriel’s announcement to her, and Christ becomes flesh by the power of the Holy Spirit. Members of the Concordi Leatitia Choir will be leading the responses for this liturgy.

2022 ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL: So far, 31 families have contributed \$13,305 towards our goal of \$10,800! We have now exceed our goal, and the parish will receive a rebate of 40% of that total after the campaign has concluded, which will currently be \$5,322! Thank you so much for your generosity!

MARCH MONTHLY PICNIC: We will be having our monthly picnic on Sunday, March 19 along with our monthly birthday celebrations. Please refrain from bringing meat products, as some are adhering to the traditional fast. Remember to keep a “spirit” of the fast when possible.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Fr. John Azar, Barbara Vincent, Stephanie & Bernie Pardee, 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.

Upcoming Social Events

- Mar. 19 Monthly Birthday Celebration & Picnic
(no meat please)
- Apr. 16 Thomas Sunday Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt
- May 7 Mother's Day Picnic
- June 17 Float Down The River, Father's Day Picnic
In Ellijay (rain date: June 24)

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Stewardship 3/12/2023	Feb. Off. Total:	\$7,085.53
Offertory \$602	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$420
Online Giving \$2,085.75	Mar. Op. Budget	\$8,302
Capital Improvement \$245		

Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil March 18/19 for the Teal Pew Book 4th of Fast, St. John Climacus

Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil: p. 104

Propers Tone 8: p. 159

Typical Psalms 1&2 *simple form* A: p. 16

Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19

Beatitudes (in place of 3rd antiphon) p. 23

Tropar. T8 p.161 Tropar. St. John p.226
& Kontak. p. 226

Thrice Holy Hymn: B p. 28

Cherubikon: F p. 47

Creed: A p. 52

Holy, Holy, Holy: Basil Melody A p. 96

"We praise you, we bless you...": Basil Melody A p. 98

Our Father: Tone 4 Podoben p. 74

"We Have Seen": B p.83

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

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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

During his fifth week of the Great Fast we look towards the great ascetics, especially St. John Climacus, the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, as well as the author of *The Great Canon*, which will be prayed Wednesday night.

These holy fathers have taught us the importance of fasting and praying without ceasing.

APOSTICA OF VESPERS

T2 Glory... Let us honor the holy John as an angel upon earth, and a man of God in heaven; he is the adornment of the world and the treasury of virtues, the pride and glory of ascetics. Planted in the house of God, he has flourished like the just, as a cedar in the desert. He has caused the flock of the spiritual sheep of Christ to grow in justice and holiness.

now and ever: We now behold a new wonder, greater than the wonders of old. For who has ever known a mother to bear a child without the help of man? Who has known a mother to hold within her arms the Source of all creation? It was God's own will to be born in this manner; and you, O most pure Virgin, carried Him as an infant in your arms. Because of this, you can approach God with the boldness of a mother. Therefore, we venerate you and ask you to always beseech Him to have mercy on us and save our souls.

KONTAKION

O John, our leader and father, the Lord has placed you on high as a true guiding star lighting the ends of the earth with the truth of your virtue.

IKOS OF MATINS

O John, our leader and father, you have become the dwelling place of God; you shine with your virtues as the most pure gold; you are adorned with faith, hope, and love; expounding the divine precepts, you practiced asceticism and were liberated from the flesh; you acquired wisdom, courage, chastity, and humility, by which you were raised up; illumined by constant prayer, you attained the tabernacles on high.

HYMN OF LIGHT OF MATINS

Glory: The sensual pleasures of this world only bring us disgust, and by fasting, your flesh has wasted away; but you renewed the strength of your soul, and you gained eternal glory in heaven. O venerable Father John, do not cease to intercede for us.

Now and ever: You are truly most blessed, O virgin Mother of God. Through the One who was incarnate of you, Hades was chained, Adam revived, the curse wiped out, Eve set free, Death put to death, and we ourselves were brought back to life. That is why we cry out in praise: Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who finds in this your good pleasure. Glory to You!

