



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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
- Wednesday Mar. 29** **Our Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, the Dcn. Cyril,
and Others who suffered martyrdom under Julian the Apostate** (abstinence from meat)
6:30PM Great Compline for the Great Fast
- Friday Mar. 31** **Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra** (abstinence from meat)
6:30PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Nilda Fitzgerald by Dennis Reidy
- PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY** (Feast of Our Lord; today is not a day of fast—complete mitigation)
- Saturday April 1** 4:30PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for Daniel Malakauskas by David & Sarah M.
with the Blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows, & Litija with the Mirovanja blessing
- Sunday April 2** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Palm Sunday Procession around the church with the palms and pussy willows
10:15AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (Live-Streamed)
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 ; Gospel: John 12:1-18
Litija with the Mirovanja blessing
11:30AM Panachida for the repose of +Regina Hennessy by Jane Cunningham
11:45AM ECF — Adult Education Ezekiel Ch 33-36

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

***PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION:** We will bless the Palms and Pussy Willows during the Saturday evening liturgy along with Litija and then have the distribution of the blessed bread and Mirovanja blessing for the Great Feast of Our Lord, The Entrance into Jerusalem.

On Sunday morning, as the faithful enter the church, they will be invited to take their palms and pussy willows with them into the pews to hold for the entirety of liturgy. Before the liturgy begins, we will process

around the outside of the church (weather permitting) and sing the Palm Sunday Troparia and Kontakia. So, please come early (on-time) to participate in this joyous procession, of Praising Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem as King.

***HISTORICAL NOTE FROM THE TYPICON:** "Friday, March 31 ends the forty-day fast before Pascha that runs from the Monday after Cheesefare Sunday until

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

the day before Lazarus Saturday. In origins 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.”

—This means that for the Byzantine counting of the 40 days, the fast is technically over on after Friday, March 31, and the following week is a whole separate fast, at which point, we can all intensify our resolve and fasting practices.

***PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE:** After the engineers receive the survey and address the comments from Roswell, the plans will be resubmit for approval. However, this 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.

***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 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.

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!

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

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)
July 9	Monthly Picnic

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Stewardship 3/19/2023	Feb. Off. Total:	\$8,283.88
Offertory \$748	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$495
Online Giving \$450.35	Mar. Op. Budget	\$8,302
Capital Improvement \$75		

Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil March 25/26 for the Teal Pew Book 5th of Fast, Post-Feast of the Annunciation

Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil: p. 104
Propers Tone 1: p. 123

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. T1 p.125, Tropar. Annunc. p.329, Tropar. Syaxis
of Gabriel p. 361 & Kontak. p. 329

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

Thanksgiving Prayers: p.95-96

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

During his fifth week of the Great Fast we look towards the great ascetics, especially St. Mary of Egypt. Her example teaches us the great transformation that Jesus can bring to us, when we follow Him, and that there is no disordered passion, or sin that cannot be overcome.

APOSTICA OF VESPERS

T2 Glory... With the sword of temperance, you have cut down the passions of the soul and flesh; you choked evil thoughts with the silence of an ascetical life. Watering the desert with the stream of your tears, you bore the fruits of repentance. We now celebrate the memory of your holiness, O venerable Mother.

Now and ever... We now behold a new wonder, grater 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

Once filled with all kinds of evil, now through repentance she appears as a bride of Christ. Leading an angelic life, she crushes the devils with the help of the Cross. Therefore, the venerable Mary has become a bride of the kingdom.

IKOS OF MATINS

We now praise you with our hymns, O lamb and daughter of Christ; for you came forth from the stock of the Egyptians, and you have become a precious flower for the Church, struggling in temperance and prayer beyond the measure of mortals; thus, you were exalted in Christ, by the merits of your life and deeds; therefore, the venerable Mary has become a bride of the kingdom.

HYMN OF LIGHT OF MATINS

Glory: In you we have a model of conversion. Implore Christ, O Mary, that in this time of the Fast, we may praise you in faith and love.

Now and ever: O sweetness of th angles and consolation of the afflicted, O protectress of Christians, O Virgin Mother of the Lord, deliver us and save us from eternal punishment.

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 Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 ; Gospel: John 12:1-18
- Holy Mon. Apr. 3** 10:00AM Bridegroom Matins
- Holy Wed. Apr. 5** 4:30PM The Mystery of Repentance until 6PM
 6:30PM Office of Holy Oil (Mystery of Anointing) (simple abstinence from meat)
- Holy Thurs. Apr. 6** 6:30PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (mitigation of wine & oil)
- Good Friday Apr. 7** 10:00AM Passion Matins (day of strict fast, no meat or dairy)
 6:30PM Burial Vespers with Procession of the Burial Shroud
 8:30PM Guarding of the Tomb until 8AM Saturday
- Good Sat. Apr. 8** 8:00AM Guarding of the Tomb ends(day of fast (no meat), mitigation of wine)

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

- Saturday Apr. 8** 7:30PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
 Romans 6:3-11 & Matthew 28:1-20
- 9:45PM The Blessing of Pascha Baskets
- Sunday Apr. 9** 10:00AM Resurrection Matins with procession
 11:15AM Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
 Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17
- 12:30PM The Blessing of Pascha Baskets
- Monday Apr. 10** 6:30PM Divine Liturgy of Bright Monday with procession and the Reading of 4 Gospels
- *Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment