



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS; AP16

- Saturday Mar. 9** 4:30—5PM Mystery of Repentance*
 5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Dcn. James Smith by Anna Lalonde
 6:45PM Monthly Birthday and Anniversary blessing
- Sunday Mar. 10** 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 5:9-19 Mark 9:17-31 & Matthew 4:25-5:12
 11:45AM ECF for Children & Adult Education on Daniel Ch. 10-12
 Monthly Pot-Luck Picnic and Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

- Wednesday Mar. 13** **THE GREAT CANON OF OUR HOLY FATHER ST. ANDREW OF CRETE** (abstinence from meat)
 7:00PM Matins with the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (many prostrations!)

- Friday Mar. 15** **The Holy Martyr Agapius and His Companions** (abstinence from meat)
 7:00PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Romayne Schroder by Victor & Becky Cole
 8:30PM Lenten Meal provided by families

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; MEMORY OF OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT; OUR HOLY FATHER PATRICK, ENLIGHTENER OF IRELAND; AP17

- Saturday Mar. 16** 4:30PM Akathist to the Theotokos for Akathistos Saturday
 5:45—5:30PM Mystery of Repentance*
 5:30PM Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil for the +Holy Souls in Purgatory in Thanksgiving by Antonia Reidy
- Sunday Mar. 17** 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 & Galatians 3:23-29 Mark 10:32-45 & Luke 7:36-50
 11:45AM ECF for Children & Adult Education on Daniel Ch. 12-14

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

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

***LENTEN MEALS:** There are two Friday Night Lenten Meals left: 3/15 & 3/22. Please consider attending these beautiful services as part of your Lenten Journey, and joining in fellowship as well.

***NEW GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT:** Last week we had half of the driveway paved with asphalt, from the existing asphalt near Old Alabama Rd, to the edge of the cement parking pad and then to the edge of the front cement walkway. We hope this long anticipated improvement

Stewardship 3/03/2024	Mar. Off. Total:	\$3,746.75
Offertory \$1,706	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$255
Online Giving \$2,040.75	ECL	\$12
Capital Improvement \$255	Mar. Op. Budget	\$20,356
ECL \$12		

will add to the beauty of our church property, as well as the comfort of our parishioners and visitors. We may seek to pave the remaining areas in due time.

***ST. ANDREW 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.

***Akathistos Saturday:** The Fifth Saturday of the Great Fast is known as Akathistos Saturday, when we specifically ask for intercession from the Most Holy Theotokos to protect us from harm. Historically, The Theotokos was asked to intercede on behalf of Constantinople in her many struggles against invading forces from the year 625-705. It is during this time when the most beautiful poetry of the Akathist to the Theotokos

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Cathy Bowen, John Grzincic, Andrew Reidy, Patricia Moyle, Robert Pardee, Mary Rinik, Mario Marione, Brenda Bryant, Ernie & Patricia Holewinski, John Gollner, Logan Camacho, John Rooth, Suzanne Pichnarcik, and Anna & Catherine 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.*

was written. We will pray this Akathist before the Vigil Liturgy on Saturday at 4:30PM, please join us in asking for protection for our parish and our families in these difficult times.

Great Fast Parish Food Drive: ACFB Food and Fund Drive—Our parish will be participating in the Atlanta Community Food Bank’s donation drive. An insert of most needed (and unneeded) items has been placed in the bulletin. Please consider bringing items on the list to place in the bins in the narthex. If you cannot shop for items for donation please consider financially donating online. An info sheet will be provided near the bins with the acceptable/unacceptable list of items and the ACFB’s contact information. We welcome all parishioners, regardless of age, to participate.

2023 ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL: As of 2/24, **26 families** have donated a total of **\$9,647** towards our goal of **\$10,800**. If we reach our goal by the end of June, we will receive a 40% rebate, just as we have in the past 3 years. So, giving to the Bishop’s Appeal is giving to our parish!

Footsteps of St. Paul Trip: Fr. Lewis has been asked by the Archdiocese of Atlanta’s newspaper, The Georgia Bulletin, to be the Spiritual Director and celebrate the Divine Liturgy during a Footsteps of St. Paul trip & retreat through Greece and Turkey. The main trip is Sept. 3-10, and then an optional extension to Istanbul, is Sept 10-14. This trip will cover many ancient Catholic/Or-

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. Those seeking Sacramental Marriage should contact the parish 1 year in advance.

Upcoming Social Events

- Mar. 10 March Pot-Luck Picnic & Birthday Celebration
Mar. 15 Lenten Meal After Presanctified Liturgy
Oct 12 Centennial Anniversary in Washington, DC

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Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book Mar /10 4th Sunday of Fast; St. John Climacus

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104

Propers: Tone 8 p. 159

(Sun) The Typical Psalms: A p. 16-17

(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19

(Sun) The Beatitudes: p. 23

(Sun) Troparion Tone 8 p. 161, & p. 226: see handout

Thrice Holy Hymn: A p. 27

Cherubikon: A p. 42

Creed: A p. 51

Anaphora of St. Basil: A melodies, p. 96

Our Father: Tone 8: p. 73

"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 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!



thodox sites and would be very spiritually enriching for all. If interested, please contact Dcn. Keith Kolodziej of St. Peter Channel Parish, Roswell at: deaconkmk@gmail.com or 770-634-3642.

***METROPOLIA WIDE TEEN RALLY:** Every two years our Metropolia—consisting of 4 Eparchies: Pittsburgh, Passaic, Parma, & Phoenix—holds a national ByzanTeen Rally for teens 13-17, with each Eparchy rotating as host. This year, the Eparchy of Phoenix is hosting the rally in

San Diego, California on June 27-30. Bishop Kurt has been informed that The Maria Theresa Foundation—a charitable organization within the eparchy—is offering to cover travel expenses for teens interested in attending this event. ***Dcn. John Reed will be attending this event to represent our parish and to offer his service at the Altar. You may register at: <https://archpitt.org/byzan-teen-youth-rally-2024/> also, please let Fr. Lewis know if you are considering attending.

BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH RALLY

Teens ages 13-17 & cost \$380.00



Walking with Jesus on the stormy waters of the modern sea of life.
Keynote speakers:
Father Christopher Zuger, Trent Horn,
Mother Iliana

**June 27- June 30
2024**

Registration deadline:
Friday May 31, 2024

Where: University of San Diego 5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110



Good Shepherd Travel Catholic Pilgrimages 2024

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September 3-10, 2024-Footsteps of St. Paul: Greece, Greek Islands and Istanbul!
With Fr. Lewis Rabayda Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church: \$3,940 or \$4,990 including air fare!
September -10-14 Optional extension to Istanbul, Turkey add \$990
Includes: Thessalonica, Philippi, Athens, Corinth plus a 4 day cruise to Mykonos, Santorini, Patmos, Ephesus, and Crete.
Hotels, Breakfast, dinner and most lunches, private coach, daily mass, English speaking guide.

