



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## —Schedule of Divine Services—

**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

**Wednesday Mar. 20** **OUR VENERABLE FATHERS OF THE ST. SABBAS MONASTERY** (abstinence from meat)  
7:00PM Great Compline for the Fast

**Friday Mar. 22** **The Holy Martyr Basilides**, (abstinence from meat)  
7:00PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Holy Souls in Purgatory by The Bragg Family  
8:30PM Lenten Meal provided by families

**PALM & FLOWER SUNDAY; (Great Fest of Our Lord, Not a Day of Fast) AP19**

**Saturday Mar. 23** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Vigil Liturgy of St. John for the +Holy Souls in Purgatory by Marie Reidy  
with the Blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows, & Litija with the Mirovanje blessing

**Sunday Mar. 24** 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 for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)  
Epistle: Phillipians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18  
11:45AM ECF for Children & Adult Education on Daniel Ch. 14-16

\*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

**\*CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HECHT FAMILY!** Spencer and Julia Hecht gave birth to their first child, Philomena Hecht on Tuesday, March 12! The Office of Christian Initiation is scheduled for Saturday, April 13. May God grant to the Hecht Family, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years!

Stewardship 3/10/2024 **Mar. Off. Total: \$6,207.70**  
Offertory \$1,960 **Cap. Imp. Total: \$405**  
Online Giving \$500.95 **ECL \$12**  
Capital Improvement \$150 **Mar. Op. Budget \$20,356**

**\*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 Mirovanje 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 22 ends the forty-day fast before Pascha that runs from the Monday after Cheesefare Sunday until 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

**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.*

22, and the following week is a whole separate fast, at which point, we can all intensify our resolve and fasting practices.

**\*THOMAS SUNDAY PICNIC:** We would like to have a more joyous event this year for our annual Thomas Sunday Picnic and Easter Egg hunt. Alexandra Katakallides will be organizing the event, and is in need of some helpers. Please see her after the Sunday liturgy if you are interested, or contact the parish office if you would like to help make this a very special day for our parish.

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

**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

## 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.22 Lenten Meal After Presanctified Liturgy  
Apr. 7 Thomas Sunday Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt!  
Oct 12 Centennial Anniversary in Washington, DC

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### Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book Mar 16/17 5th Sunday of Fast; St. Mary of Egypt

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104

Propers: Tone 1 p. 123

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

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

(Sun) The Beatitudes: p. 23

(Sun) Troparion Tone 1 p. 125, & p. 230: 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 1: p. 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 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 the angles and consolation of the afflicted, O protectress of Christians, O Virgin Mother of the Lord, deliver us and save us from eternal punishment.



## Good Shepherd Travel Catholic Pilgrimages 2024

Contact: Deacon Keith Kolodziej: [deaconkmk@gmail.com](mailto:deaconkmk@gmail.com) cell 770-634-3642

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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.



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/Orthodox 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](mailto: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.

### —Schedule of Divine Services for Great and Holy Week 2024—

<b>Holy Mon. Mar. 25</b>	7PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation of the Theotokos (Solemn Holyday—mitigation of the fast for wine and oil)
<b>Holy Tues. Mar. 26</b>	10AM	Bridegroom Matins
<b>Holy Wed. Mar. 27</b>	5:30PM 7PM	The Mystery of Repentance until 6PM Office of Holy Oil (Mystery of Anointing) (simple abstinence from meat)
<b>Holy Thurs. Mar. 28</b>	7PM	Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (mitigation of wine & oil)
<b>Good Friday Mar. 29</b>	10:00AM 7PM 9PM	Passion Matins (day of strict fast, no meat or dairy) Burial Vespers with Procession of the Burial Shroud Guarding of the Tomb until 8AM Saturday
<b>Good Sat. Mar. 30</b>	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!

<b>Saturday Mar. 30</b>	7:30PM	Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Romans 6:3-11 & Matthew 28:1-20
	9:45PM	The Blessing of Pascha Baskets
<b>Sunday Mar. 31</b>	10:00AM 11:15AM 12:30PM	Resurrection Matins with procession Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the faithful of Epiphany Parish Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17 The Blessing of Pascha Baskets
<b>Monday Apr. 1</b>	7PM	Divine Liturgy of Bright Monday with procession and the Reading of 4 Gospels

\*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment