



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN; AP32-36

Saturday Apr. 13 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for the Conversion of the Willson Family by David & Sarah Malakauskas with the Office of Christian Initiation (Baptism) of Philomena Hecht

Sunday Apr. 14 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Mark 15:43-16:8

Thursday Apr. 18 7:00PM **Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of the Holy Gregory the Decapolite**
Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Anne & +Tom Coulter & All the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Antonia Reidy

Friday Apr. 19 **Our Venerable Father John of the Ancient Cave**
(simple abstinence from meat)

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN; AP74

Saturday Apr. 20 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for the Conversion of Alyona Sekretareva by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday Apr. 21 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 John 5:1-15

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

CHRISTÓS VOSKRÉSE! VOÍSTINNU VOSKRÉSE!

CHRISTÓS ANÉSTI! ALITHÓS ANÉSTI!

CRISTO HA RESUCITADO! EN VERDAD, ESTÁ RESUCITADO!

Stewardship 4/07/2024	Apr. Off. Total:	\$4,389.05
Offertory \$1,481	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$405
Online Giving \$2,908.05	Easter Offering	\$250
Capital Improvement \$405	Total Apr.	\$4,389.05
Easter Offering \$250	Apr. Op. Budget	\$20,525

During the month of April, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for **Living and Deceased of the Bilyy & Vouk Families** by Ihor & Natalia Bilyy



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.



***CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HECHT FAMILY!** On Saturday, April 13, Philomena Catherine Hecht will be Baptized into Christ, receive Holy Chrismation, and the Body and Blood of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ! May God grant to the Hecht Family, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!

***2024 THOMAS SUNDAY SPRING FESTIVAL:** Thank you so much to all who participated in our 2024 Thomas Sunday Festival!!! Thank you to all who labored to make it a very successful day full of fun and fellowship.

PRAYER CHANGE DURING PASCHAL SEASON: During the Paschal season—Pascha until Pentecost—we omit the prayers “Glory to You, Our God...” and the prayer to the Holy Spirit, “Heavenly King, Comforter...” in our usual prayers, and instead, we pray the Paschal Troparia “Christ is Risen...” 3 times, until Ascension. We will resume praying “Heavenly King...” at Pentecost Vespers. Also, during this time, we do not kneel to pray, regardless of the day, but **we stand** for all of our personal prayers.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Sally Baer, Cathy Bowen, John Grzincic, Andrew Reidy, Patricia Moyle, Robert Pardee, Mary Rinik, Mario Marione, Brenda Bryant, Ernie & Patricia Holeywinski, 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, 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.

2023 ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL: As of 4/04, **29 families** have donated a total of **\$10,897** towards our goal of **\$10,800**, so, **WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!** This means we will receive a 40% rebate, just as we have in the past 3 years. Thank you so much for your generosity to the Bishop’s Appeal and 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 or 770-634-3642.

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

- May 12 Mother's Day Brunch
May 19 Pentecost Sunday: small picnic & Kneeling Vespers
Oct 12 Centennial Anniversary in Washington, DC

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Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Vigil Divine Liturgy:
Baptism Booklet

(Sun) Antiphons: p. 14

(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18

(Sun) 3rd Antiphon of Pascha: p. 165

(Sun) Troparion of Myrrh-Bear Sunday p. 177: see handout

(Sat) instead of Thrice Holy Hymn "All You...": B p. 32

(Sun) Thrice Holy Hymn: C p. 28

Cherubikon: C p. 44

Creed: B p. 53

Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 56

We Praise You...: H p. 61

Our Father: Paschal: p. 167

"We have seen...": Christ is Risen!

"May Our Mouths be filled.": B p. 87

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

Thanksgiving Prayers: p.95-96

Each Life has Immeasurable Value from the Moment of Conception, says Bishop Burbidge on IVF Issues

March 8, 2024

WASHINGTON - Each person's life is a unique gift and has immeasurable value from the moment of conception, said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, and it is for that precise reason that the Catholic Church cannot condone procedures such as in vitro fertilization (IVF) that result in a loss of life at a massive scale. In response to the growing attention to assisted reproductive technologies, Bishop Burbidge, as chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, spoke about the gift of life. Recognizing the desire to have children is good and given the challenges many couples face, Bishop Burbidge called for greater focus on ethical treatments addressing the root causes of infertility. Additionally, other approaches that may be sought by some couples seeking to expand their families, such as foster care and adoption, should be offered more support. The chairman's full statement follows:

“The national conversation in the news about laws related to in vitro fertilization and other technologies creates an opportunity and a necessity to speak about protecting the gift of life itself. Each of our lives has immeasurable value from the moment of conception. In this way, we know that the deeply-rooted desire to bring about new life by having children is good. As priests and bishops, we grieve with and accompany in hope and love the increasing number of families suffering with an experience of infertility. We also encourage restorative, often-overlooked, treatments that can help to address the root causes of infertility.

“It is precisely because each person's life is a unique gift that we cannot condone procedures that violate the right to life or the integrity of the family. Certain practices like IVF do both, and they are often not effective even for their own purposes.

“Children have a right to be born to their married mother and father, through a personal act of self-giving love. IVF, however well-intended, breaches this bond and these rights and, instead, treats human beings like products or property. This is all the more true in situations involving anonymous donors or surrogacy. This of course does not mean that our brothers and sisters who were conceived by IVF are somehow 'less than' anyone else. Every person has immeasurable value regardless of how he or she was conceived - and that applies, absolutely, to all children created through IVF, the majority of whom have not been and may never be born.

“The fact is that, in the IVF industry, many embryos are never transferred to a mother's womb, but are destroyed or indefinitely frozen, and, of those who are transferred, only a fraction survive to be eventually born. All told, there are millions of human beings who have been killed or potentially permanently frozen by this industry. This cannot be the answer to the very real cross of fertility challenges. In efforts to bring about new life, we cannot turn our face from the many more lives that are cut short and extinguished in the process.”

Bishop Burbidge was joined by three other bishop chairmen in a letter to the U.S. Senate on February 28, opposing the Access to Family Building Act and similar legislation that would greatly widen the use of various problematic assisted reproductive technologies nationwide. For more on infertility, including ethical restorative reproductive medicine and research, see <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/infertility>.

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.

2024 EPARCHIAL SUMMER CAMPS: All summer camps will be at The Carpathian Village, Cresco, PA (North-East PA in the Poconos) however, there has been some talk about providing camps for the Southern Synchellate (that's Epiphany and the Florida parishes, but plans have not been solidified for this year)

July 14-18: Camp Theotokos, Girls Camp—ages 6-17

July 21-25 : Altar Server Congress—ages 6-17

(Fr. Lewis will again be at the Altar Server Camp)

Aug 11-15: Pre-teen Camp—boys and girls ages 6-12.

Congratulations to Dr. Fuchko! Dr. John Fuchko III has been functioning as the President of Dalton State College since June of 2023, but will be formally Invested on Friday, April 26. He is inviting anyone interested to attend the Investiture, and one may see the schedule of events and register for attendance at this website: <https://www.daltonstate.edu/investiture.cms>

