



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

PENTECOST SUNDAY; *Tone 7, AP42*

Saturday May 18	4:30-5PM	Mystery of Repentance*
	5:45PM	Akathist to the Theotokos Ikos 7-9
	5:30PM	Divine Liturgy for the repose of the +Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Bragg Family
	6:45PM	Monthly Birthday and Anniversary Blessing
Sunday May 19	9-9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance*
	9:45AM	Akathist to the Theotokos Ikos 7-9
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed) Epistle: Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-52, 8:12
	11:20AM	Monthly Birthday and Anniversary Blessing
	11:30AM	Mother's Day Brunch and Picnic
	1PM	Kneeling Vespers on the Day of the Holy Spirit
Monday May 20		Pentecost Monday (Simple Holyday)
	7:00PM	Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Fr. John Hunwicke by the D'Alessandro Family with Procession and the Reading of the Four Gospels
Thursday May 23		Pentecost Thursday; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Michael Bishop of Synnada
	7:00PM	Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Anne Saunders by Matthew Lydon
Friday May 24		Pentecost Friday; Our Venerable Father Simeon of the Mountain (no fasting Pentecost Week) ——no services at Epiphany——
	11AM	Funeral Mass for +Victor Godyn at St. Brendan's Catholic Church 4633 Shiloh Rd, Cumming, GA 30040

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS; *Tone 8, AP44*

Saturday May 25	4:30-5PM	Mystery of Repentance*
	5:45PM	Akathist to the Theotokos Ikos 10-12
	5:30PM	Divine Liturgy with the Office of Christian Initiation (Baptism) of Derik Hanson for The Hanson Family by Epiphany Parish
	6:45PM	Panachida for the repose of those who died in service of the United States
Sunday May 26	9-9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance*
	9:45AM	Akathist to the Theotokos Ikos 10-12
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed) Epistle: Hebrews 11:32-12:2 Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38
	11:20AM	Panachida for the repose of those who died in service of the United States

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

Stewardship 5/12/2024		Capital Improvement	\$300	May Off. Total:	\$8,992.64	Ascension Total:	\$225
Offertory	\$4,376	Seminary	\$365	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$788.40	Total May	\$9,781.04
Online Giving	\$998.54	Ascension	\$225	Seminary Total:	\$365	May Op. Budget	\$9,341



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.



***No Fasting Pentecost Week:** The Friday of Pentecost is one of the four Friday's though the church year when abstaining from meat is not practiced. This week is a time of feasting, to celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

+Victor Godyn Funeral NEW new Date: The family of +Victor Godyn have again moved the date of the funeral to Friday, May 24, at 11AM. The Funeral Mass will be at St. Brendan's Catholic Church 4633 Shiloh Rd, Cumming, GA 30040. ***It is requested that if one plans on attending the reception afterwards that we RSVP to either: our parish office, Alice Godyn, or the St. Brendan's Catholic Church.

***Adult Baptism Next Saturday:** Congratulations to the Hanson family, as their head and father, Derik, is Baptized into the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church! Derik began his journey of catechesis and preparation in the Roman Rite, but decided to switch to our Byzantine Rite. We welcome his family to our parish, and hope that God continues to bless them as they continue their journey towards Christ.

***Father's Day Float Down The River:** Following last year's success, we will again have our June picnic on the Saturday before Father's Day at Gina & Ken's in Ellijay. This means that the Saturday Evening Divine Liturgy will be at the picnic, and there will be no services at the church that day. Rain Date is Saturday, June 22. More information to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHERIE FUCHKO! Sherie Fuchko graduated with a Masters of Arts in Theology from our Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Pittsburgh, PA on Wednesday, May 8.

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.

During the month of May, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for

+John Jr & +Jean Mary Derner

by John & Monica Derner

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Fr. Robert Stash, Sally Baer, 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, 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. Those seeking Sacramental Marriage should contact the parish 1 year in advance.

Upcoming Social Events

May 19	Pentecost Sunday: Mother's Day Brunch & Kneeling Vespers
June 15	Father's Day Float Down The River: Ellijay
Oct 12	Centennial Anniversary in Washington, DC



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Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book May 18/19 Pentecost Sunday

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104
Stichera from Vesper Handout

(Sun) Antiphons of Pentecost: p. 203
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18
(Sun) 3rd Antiphon of Pentecost: p. 204
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: p. 205
(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion p. 205
"All You Who..." (in place of Holy God...): B p. 32
Cherubikon: D p. 45
Creed: B p. 53
Thrice Holy Hymn: p. C p. 57
We Praise You...: D p. 59
Our Father: Tone 7: p. 72
"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 Prayer The the Most Holy Theotokos: p.95

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.

***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 (18 if they will be graduating from High School this Spring), 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 Founda-

tion—a charitable organization within the eparchy—is **allotting \$1000 for each teen** to be distributed by the parish, to cover travel and other 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://arch-pitt.org/byzan-teen-youth-rally-2024/>

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

“Why Do Byzantine Catholics Do That?”

influenced by Gary Bushko

It has been suggested that the bulletin address questions the faithful may have about the different aspects of our liturgy and our expression of the Catholic Faith. So, anyone is encouraged to ask questions, and Fr. Lewis will answer them to the best of his ability, and research what is outside of his ability. There have been some example questions already submitted, which we will address in the bulletin as time goes by.

Question: What is meant by “particular church” or *sui iuris*?

Answer: *Sui iuris* is Latin for “of one’s own rite.” This phrase refers to the designation of each “particular church,” or what we call, a “self-governing” church. There are a total of 24 self-governing churches within the Catholic Communion. In recent decades the term Rite—referring to the many different traditions in communion with each-other, and in communion with the Pope of Rome, hence, Catholic Churches—is being phased-out and replaced with the term Church. So, Church and Rite refer to the same organized body of people.

Each Church has its own hierarchical structure which governs it independently of each other Catholic Church/Rite, while recognizing the Pope of Rome as the ultimate authority. Some Churches are headed by a Patriarch, which is the highest level of authority similar to the Pope of Rome. For all of history, another title for the Pope of Rome was, The Patriarch of the West. However, to the displeasure of the Orthodox, this title was removed in the past few decades with the recognition that the Roman Church is no longer only situated in the Western World, but that it is in fact in each hemisphere. But the Patriarch of the West is considered The First Among Equals, meaning, he has the place of preference in all authority among his brother patriarchs and bishops because he is the successor of Saint Peter. But each patriarch may function as he sees fit within his jurisdiction, or “particular church.”

Our, “particular church” in the United States is *sui iuris*/self-governing and is led by our Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh. We have four “eparchys” (diocese) in the United States: The Metropolia of Pittsburgh, PA, Eparchy of Passaic, NJ, Eparchy of Parma, OH, and the Eparchy of the Protection of the Mother of God in Phoenix, AZ. We are the subjects of the Eparchy of Passaic, NJ led by Bishop Kurt Burnette.

There are two general codes of Canon Law: The Code of Canons of the Catholic Church, and the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches. Each *sui iuris* church may promulgate its own additions or clarifications to Canon Law, which would be titled, “particular law,” and would only be enforceable for those who are ascribed to, or are the proper subjects of that “particular church.”

If one discerns that they would like to formally “change Rites,” or “change Churches,” it means that they would formally petition the bishop of the Church they would like to change to, and the bishop of the Church they formally belong to, must release them to the other bishop. It is then that one will be under the authority of their new bishop, and all applicable canon, and particular law. Each Church can also adjust their own Holydays of Obligation and make other changes to their liturgy and other customs. However, all changes must be approved by the appropriate Roman Office at the Vatican.