



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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

Monday May 27 **Beginning of the Apostle's Fast through June 28** (voluntary fast)

Tuesday May 28 **Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon**
7:00PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Hilda & Mickey Carmago & All the Holy Souls by Antonia R.

Thursday May 30 **Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery**
7:00PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +David Donahue by Matthew Lydon

Friday May 31 **The Holy Apostle Hermes; the Holy Martyr Hermeas** (simple abstinence from meat)

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; OUR VENERABLE FATHER NICEPHOR THE CONFESSOR; *Tone 1*

Saturday June 1 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Conversion of the Willson Family by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday June 2 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 Matthew 4:18-23

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

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

+John Jr & +Jean Mary Dernar

by John & Monica Dernar

Stewardship 5/19/2024	May Off. Total: \$11,372.99
Offertory \$1,885	Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,338.40
Online Giving \$495.35	Seminary Total: \$365
Capital Improvement \$550	Ascension Total: \$225
	Total May \$12,711.39
	May Op. Budget \$9,341

***Apostles Fast:** The Peter & Paul Fast begins Sunday evening (5/26) and lasts until June 28. The Typikon prescribes strict abstinence (no meat or dairy) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with a mitigation (wine and oil) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. This fast is not necessary to engage with under pain of sin, but may be observed voluntarily.



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 Derik Hanson!** 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.

***Thank You!** Thank you to all who made the Mother's Day Brunch a wonderful success! It takes a lot of hard work and planning to make these events enjoyable for all. May God bless you for your efforts in our community!

***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.

***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 Foundation—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/>

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

June 15	Father's Day Float Down The River: Ellijay
July 7	Monthly Picnic with B-day and Ann. Celebration
Oct 12	Centennial Anniversary in Washington, DC



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Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book May 25/26 Sunday of All Saints

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104
See Baptism Handout

(Sun) 1st & 2nd Sun. Antiphons: p. 14
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18
(Sun) 3rd Sun. Antiphon: p. 22
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: p. 25
(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion p. 211
(Sat) "All You Who..." (in place of Holy God...): B p. 32
(Sun) "Holy God..." B p. 28
Cherubikon: A p. 42
Creed: A p. 51
Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 56
We Praise You...: D p. 58
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 Prayer The the Most Holy Theotokos: p.95

“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.

Comment about last week’s Q & A: Dcn. John Reed brought to my attention that Pope Francis has reinstated the historical title “Patriarch of the West” to the list of titles appropriate for the Pope of Rome. It was Pope Benedict XVI who removed the title in 2006, a title which came into use in 642 by Pope Theodore.

Q: Please explain the difference between a permanent deacon and a transitional deacon?

A: In the Roman Church there is a distinction between the states of the Diaconate, however, in the Byzantine Tradition there is not. A Transitional Deacon is a celibate who is engaged in seminary formation with the intention of eventually being ordained to the Priesthood. While a Permanent Deacon is usually a married man who has discerned a call to serve the Church in a more profound way and goes through a program of education and formation. However, this program of education is not as comprehensive as the full seminary tract, and an accredited degree is not granted for academic work completed.

In the Byzantine Tradition, there is no distinction between the states of the Diaconate. Married men may be admitted to the Office of the Priesthood, so there is no need to make a distinction of how far up the hierarchical chain (to the order of the priesthood) one may be ordained. However, if a deacon discerns further that God is calling him to the Office of the Priesthood, then his bishop may send him for formal education and seminary formation. The ordination Rites are the same.

The succession of Holy Orders in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolia are as follows:

Minor Orders

Candle Bearer
Reader/Cantor
Subdeacon

Major Orders

Deacon
Priest
Archpriest/Archimandrite
Bishop

The Diaconate is considered a Major Order and is a permanent state in life. If a man discerns marriage and major orders, one must be married before they are ordained into major orders. At this point, if, God forbid, a man loose his wife to death or separation, he may not engage in another marriage. In our tradition, we refer to deacons as, Father Deacon, recognizing their status as major clerics.

Father's Day River Float and Liturgy on the Cartecay River

Saturday June 15, 2024, 11AM-7PM

Suggested Items:

- Beach Towel
- Water Shoes
- life vest
- sunblock
- stadium chair for Liturgy
- covered dish

NO EVENING LITURGY AT CHURCH
liturgy will be at picnic

FLOAT DOWN THE RIVER FOR FATHER'S DAY: A whole day of fun!!! Celebrate Father's Day with a Float Down the Cartecay River and enjoy a day of picnicking ending with the Saturday evening Divine Liturgy at Gina & Ken's in Ellijay on June 15, with a rain date of June 22. **This Saturday evening liturgy WILL replace our usual Saturday evening liturgy** on this day, so please plan appropriately.

General Info: The community is gated and you will need the access code #1125 to enter. One can float on the river before or after lunch. There will be activities for children that can't float on the river at the house. We will be grilling burgers and dogs but **bringing a covered dish is strongly encouraged**. If you would like alcohol or beer, please BYOB. Water, lemonade and ice tea will be provided. We will have last call for food around 4PM to allow a 1hour fast before Divine Liturgy at 5PM.

What to expect on the River: Rafts will be provided and you can "put in" at the house and Gina & Ken will pick everyone up at the exit at Blackberry Falls. The Float should last about 1 1/2 hours. It's an easy float, but there are some obstacles. It's pretty shallow unless there has been a lot of rain. The few rapids that you will encounter are easy and fun so don't worry about that being a danger...If Gina can do it, anyone can do it... Just enjoy the ride.