



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.



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.

NO Saturday Vigil Liturgy at Epiphany on June 15!!!
-----**Liturgy will be at the picnic in Ellijay**

***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. SignUp-Genius and more information to follow next week.

***Dcn. Keith to visit this Sunday:** Dcn. Keith of St. Peter Chanel, Roswell, will be joining us again for Sunday Divine Liturgy to talk about and answer any questions on the trip he is promoting to Greece & Turkey. So, if you were considering going on this trip, please come and ask him some questions in person. So far there are 22 people signed up for this wonderful pilgrimage, a few from our parish.

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 June 8/9 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104
Tone 2 p. 128

- (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 T2 p. 130
"Holy God..."A p. 27
Cherubikon: C p. 44
Creed: A p. 51
Thrice Holy Hymn: p. C p. 57
We Praise You...: C p. 59
Our Father: Tone 2: p. 67
Communion Hymn: C p. 79
"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

“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.

Q: I know things have changed since COVID, but can you explain the proper way to enter the Church and eventually end up at our seats in the pew?

A: To begin it would be best to talk about the 3 different sections of the church building. When one enters the church, we enter into what is known as the Narthex, this name also means “porch.” The Narthex is the place where the faithful gather before—and definitely as we do in our parish, after—the Divine Services. The Narthex is considered as “outside” of the church, and is not a place of liturgical worship, except during the Litija procession in Great Vespers.

From the Narthex we enter into the Nave of the church. This is the place where the faithful pray during the Divine Services. Traditionally, the women remained on the North side of the Nave, the side the icon of the Theotokos, and the men remained on the South side, with the Icon of Christ. One may notice the absence of Holy Water Fonts when entering the Nave, but just as one would bless themselves by making the Sign of the Cross when entering into the Nave with Holy Water in the Roman tradition, so too, we would pause upon entering the Nave, and make the Sign of the Cross.

Some churches have icons to venerate at this entrance as we do here at Epiphany. One may venerate this icon upon entering the Nave.

There are two methods of veneration of an icon in the church. One is to bow before the icon, make the sign of the cross, and then to kiss the icon, and make the sign of the cross again. Some choose to bow three times while making the sign of the cross, kiss the icon, and then follow with a fourth sign of the cross. If one is

wearing lipstick or chooses not to kiss the icon itself, then either gently touch the icon with your hand/or fingers, or simply engage with the bowing process mentioned without touching the icon.

Not all churches have icons immediately upon entering the Nave, so the next and usual custom is to approach the Tetrapod, and venerate the icon on it, and/or the cross, as mentioned above. The Tetrapod is the small table in the middle of the aisle towards the front of the Nave. This table has two candles and an icon on it. The icon on this table usually changes with: a) the saint of the day, b) the feast day, c) or the feast of the parish.

It is after we venerate the icon on the Tetrapod, that we may then go to our seats in the pew. Once we approach our specific pew, we may bow towards the Altar area and make the Sign of the Cross.

The third part of the church building, is the Sanctuary, or the Altar. We often think of the Holy Table itself, as the Altar, but really the entire area behind the Icon Screen or Iconostasis, is the Altar area.

Q: What is the appropriate posture for praying when we return to our pew after receiving Communion?

A: For the Sunday Liturgy—the commemoration of the Resurrection of Christ—the proper liturgical posture is to stand for the entirety of the liturgy. However, our book designates certain times when the faithful “may” sit, however, immediately after Communion, is not one of those times. The proper liturgical posture after receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, is to stand in awe and reverence. ...More on standing later.

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

Saturday June 15, 2024, 11AM-7PM

194 River Oaks Terrace, Ellijay, GA 30536 Gate Code: #1125

Gina & Ken 404.713.5002 / 404.569.9022

NO EVENING LITURGY AT CHURCH
liturgy will be at picnic

Suggested Items:

- Beach Towel/swimsuit (modest)
- Water Shoes/life vest
- sunblock/bug spray
- stadium chair for Liturgy
- covered dish

Provided:

- BBQ Lunch
- Drinking Water
- Seating
- Hose for rinsing off
- Bathrooms

...please RSVP



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 5:30PM.

There will be two groups floating ("waves") please read the details for both below to determine which one will work best for your family.

WAVE ONE: 12:00PM

- Arrive at 11:30 to drop off food you bring and get ready to get in the water.
- Float down the river (approx. 1.5 hrs.)
- ENDPOINT - get out just after the bridge.
- Ken Holowenski will be on the shore (1:30pm)
- Take your float to his truck, deflate it, and load up (you are responsible for this).
- Ride back to house, dry/change, eat a late lunch and enjoy the outdoor activities:
- Mingle, cornhole, horseshoe, play in the tethered dock raft, sit on the dock.
- Divine Liturgy at 5:30pm

WAVE TWO: 2:30PM

- Arrive between 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Eat lunch and enjoy the outdoor activities:
- Mingle, cornhole, horseshoe, play in the tethered dock raft, sit on the dock.
- Float down the river at 2:30pm (approx. 1.5 hrs.)
- ENDPOINT - get out just after the bridge.
- Ken Holowenski will be on the shore (4:00pm)
- Take your float to his truck, deflate it, and load up (you are responsible for this).
- Ride back to the house, dry/change, and prepare for Liturgy.
- Divine Liturgy at 5:30pm