



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 Placek Family!** This Sunday, July 7, we will Chrismate and Commune David Matthew Placek, after he publicly recites the Nicene Creed. Matthew discerned God calling him to enter into the One Holy Catholic & Apostolic Church, and he further discerned to enter into our Byzantine Catholic Church. He has been studying the Christ Our Pascha Catechism for a year now, and is finally ready to enter into the Church. May God grant to Matthew and his family, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years!

July Picnic: This Sunday, July 7, is our monthly picnic here at Epiphany. The theme is general picnic foods, so please bring your favorite dishes, invite your friends and family, and prepare for some good fellowship.

New Icons & Crosses: Our gift shop has received a new supply of icons for sale. We now have many staples of Byzantine Icons, so feel free to browse. Also, there is now a nice variety of Byzantine Crosses as well. If there is anything else you would like to see in our gift shop, please let the parish office know.

Congratulations to the Fuchko Family! Last Sunday, June 30, the first child of Joseph & Rachel Fuchko, Jake Aurelius Augustine Fuchko, was fully initiated (Baptized, Chrismated, and Communed) into the Body of Jesus Christ; the Catholic Church. May God grant to His newly enlightened servant Jake, and Fuchko family, peace, health, and happiness, for many blessed years!

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

July 7	Monthly Picnic with B-day and Ann. Celebration
Aug. 4	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 July 6/7 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104
Tone 6 p. 149

(Sun) 1 st & 2 nd Sun. Antiphons: p. 14
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19
(Sun) 3 rd Sun. Antiphon: p. 22
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: p. 25
(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion T6 p. 152
(Sat) "Holy God..." E p. 30 (Sun) "All You...Baptized" B p. 31
Cherubikon: A p. 42
Creed: A p. 51
Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 56
We Praise You...: A p. 58
Our Father: Tone 6: p. 71
Communion Hymn: A p. 78
"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
(Sun) Panachida for the deceased: p. 432

“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: Why doesn't the Livestream show the congregation going to communion?

A: The short answer, is that someone in the congregation had a concern about being filmed in church because that film would then be in the YouTube archives for all of posterity, and may be used by YouTube and its affiliates for any future projects of their own. The new rule of thumb for Internet services is: if you are not paying for the product (YouTube, Gmail, etc.), then you *Are* the product. So, this *is* a valid concern, especially with what the average citizen has learned over the past few years about the reality of technology companies interacting with different government organizations, both here in the United States and abroad. We do not yet know exactly how this information will be used.

Regardless of international technocracy conspiracies, receiving the Body and Blood of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, is a very intimate moment. This moment of unification of Christ with ourselves, is both a private moment, as well as a communal moment. It is private in that it is up to our own conscience to discern whether or not we are properly disposed—according to the teachings of the Church—to receive Communion. Some, properly discern that there is an impediment to them receiving the Eucharist at that moment, and decide to come forward to receive a blessing from the Eucharist instead. This decision is between the faithful and God, and should be afforded privacy and respect.

:::However, on a separate note about receiving the Eucharist, it is a detriment to souls if one does not properly discern the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and instead, receive the Eucharist casually, or worse, in a state of having unconfessed Mortal Sins on one's soul. Some people receive the Eucharist because of tradition, or they feel it is expected of them to do so, if they are present for the Divine Liturgy. This in fact,

heaps more sins upon one's soul, and is therefore not for their spiritual benefit. As has been stated in the bulletin for years now under the “Mysteries” section, one is not required to receive the Eucharist each and every Sunday or Holyday, but only is required to receive the Eucharist once each year. Confession is also required once each year, in order to properly receive the Eucharist at that time. If one finds themselves outside of these basic (mind you, very basic) requirements, then one will find they are not a Catholic in Good Standing and should make every effort to correct that situation. Attendance on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation (a requirement) is not equal to the reception of the Eucharist. One may and should attend these services, but is not required to receive.

Fr. Lewis makes himself available to discuss personal situations and is available by appointment for confession at almost anytime. The main vocation of any Catholic, is not to put up obstacles to salvation, but to invite all to the salvation of Jesus Christ, and to work with the faithful for their eternal benefit. The above clarifications are to invite all to be Catholics in Good Standing:::

Now, the communal aspect of receiving the Eucharist is that we, as a community of believers, are being joined with Jesus Christ, and therefore, are being joined with one-another through Jesus Christ, within our local parish.

So, it is for respecting the privacy of each person's decision to either: receive, or not receive, that at this parish, we do not show the faithful approaching Our Lord in the Most-Holy Sacrament.