



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

THOMAS SUNDAY; AP37

Saturday Apr. 26 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
 5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
 6:45PM Panachida for the repose of Our Holy Father +Francis, Pope of Rome

Sunday Apr. 27 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance
 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for Ernie & Patricia Holewsinski on their 70th Anniversary (live streamed)
 Epistle: Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-21
 11:20AM Panachida for the repose of Our Holy Father +Francis, Pope of Rome
 11:45AM Thomas Sunday Picnic & Paschal Celebration!!!

Thomas Fri. May 2 OUR HOLY FATHER ATHANASIOUS THE GREAT (simple abstinence from meat)

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS; THE HOLY MARTYR PALAGIA; AP32-36

Saturday May 3 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
 5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Katakalides Family by the Bragg Family

Sunday May 4 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

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

During the month of April, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for the repose of
+Leopold John Baptist Adekambi by Subdeacon Alex Adekambi

Stewardship 04/20/2025	Apr. Off. Total: \$14,513.67
Offertory \$5,607	Cap. Imp. Total: \$760
Online Giving \$1,040.35	Lent \$
Capital Improvement \$0	Easter Flowers \$100
Catholic Home Missions \$100	Catholic Home Missions \$100
	Total Apr. \$15,373.67
	Apr. Op. Budget \$16,541

***BAPTISM POSTPONED:** Due to Fr. Lewis becoming sick this past week, the baptism scheduled for Saturday night has been postponed to a future date. We will fully initiate Clair Magdalene Paddock, daughter to Joseph & Victoria Paddock, as soon as is convenient for all involved.

***2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL:** So far 24 families have donated a total of \$11,950 towards our goal of \$10,800. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!

***FR. LEWIS AWAY:** It is the tradition of the Eparchy of Passaic to have our annual Clergy meetings during Thomas Week. So Fr. Lewis will join the other clergy of the Eparchy in Spring Lake, NJ from Monday, Apr. 28-Thur. May 1. If there are any Sacramental emergencies, please contact your local Catholic Church.

Thomas Sunday Paschal Celebration (April 27th):

We hope everyone has a good time at our annual Thomas Sunday Picnic! Please bring your favorite dishes to share.

***ETERNAL MEMORY TO POPE +FRANCIS:** As many of us may be aware, Our Holy Father Pope +Francis fell asleep in the Lord on Bright Monday morning at the Vatican. We prayed a Paschal Panachida for his repose after the Bright Monday evening liturgy, and our Bishop Kurt Burnette as well as our Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla, have traveled to Rome to attend the funeral this Saturday morning. While the Seat is Vacant, we will omit the commemoration for the Pope in the Divine Services, and we will pray a Panachida for his repose after each liturgy this weekend. In blessed repose, grant, O Lord eternal rest, to your departed Papal Servant +Francis, and remember him forever! Christ is Risen!

***BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FUNERAL GUIDE:** One of the many good fruits of Dcn. John's class on *The Art of Dying Well* is that he produced an informative and helpful guide for the faithful to better understand a Catholic Funeral and what is recommended, as well as what is prohibited. These guides will be available to all parishioners in the coming weeks, and we will suggest that each person consider filling out the form at the end of the guide, discuss it with loved ones, and have it filed in the parish office.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Fr. Maximos, Patricia Rabayda, Tim Watson, Paul Cincoski, 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, John Rooth, 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, 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.*

RETRouvaille MARRIAGE PROGRAM: In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together.

If you want more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, May 2-4, 2025, contact 404.644.3253 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

***MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH:** As we have for the past several years, we will hold a Mother's Day Brunch for our beloved mothers the Sunday After Mother's Day, to allow families to continue with their usual traditions. This means that we will need a lot of help from the MEN of our parish, to supply a memorable event for our parish mothers.

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. 18 Mother's Day Brunch
- July 16 2025 Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan
Assembly, Whiting, Indiana
- Aug/Sept 31/01 Uniontown Pilgrimage

Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book Apr. 6/27 Thomas Sunday

- Vigil Liturgy: p. 104
Tone 1: p. 123
Thomas Sunday Propers: p. 175
- (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 Thomas Sun. p. 175
"Holy God..." B p. 28
Cherubikon: D p. 45
Creed: B p. 52
Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 56
We Praise You...: H p. 61
Our Father: Tone Paschal p. 167
Communion Hymn: D p. 79
instead of "We have seen..." Christ is Risen
"May Our Mouths be filled.": B p. 85
"Blessed be the Name of the Lord": B p. 88
Thanksgiving Prayers: p.95-96
Panachida for the deceased: p. 432



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Statement on the Falling Asleep in the Lord of Pope Francis

Today, the twenty-first day of April in the Year of Our Lord 2025, Kevin Cardinal Farrell announced that the Holy Father had fallen asleep in the Lord at 7:35 in the morning local time. Cardinal Farrell is an American and is the Camerlengo, the official who oversees the Vatican when there is no Pope.

Pope Francis stunned the world in 2013 when he eschewed the trappings of monarchy and presented an example of humility to the universal Church and the world.

Pope Francis worked tirelessly to return the Catholic Church to the core message of our Faith, that the good God loves us so much that He is willing to forgive all of our mistakes, even paying the price for them Himself in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the cross. The core message of our Faith is not rules and accusations, but mercy and God's gentle call. "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

The key Gospel passage of the tenure of Francis was this, "It is not the healthy who need a physician, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Pope Francis did preach repentance, incessantly promoting the Sacramental Mystery of Confession. On Copacabana Beach in 2013 he said, "...with His mercy He will cure all the wounds caused by sin. Do not be afraid of God's forgiveness, because He never tires of forgiving us, like a Father who loves us. God is pure mercy." In 2014, he said, "Go – the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests, Jesus receives you, he receives you with so much love." And for the Jubilee Year he said, "Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace."

It is the tradition in our Eastern Church that when people die during Bright Week, the gates of Heaven are open to them with no delay. I am grateful to God for the life and example of Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio. May he dwell in a place of light, peace, and verdure, and may his memory be eternal.

+ Kurt Richard Burnette
Bishop of Passaic

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