



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS; TONE 7;

THE HOLY MARTYR AGAPIUS AND HIS COMPANIONS

Saturday March 14 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for Jeremy Rentsch by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday March 15 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

10:00AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 (Ephesians 5:9-19); Gospel: Mark 9:17-31 (Matthew 4:25-5:12)

11:45AM Adult Education on the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Lewis Rabayda

Wednesday March 18

OUR HOLY FATHER CYRIL, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM

(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED, NO MEAT)

7:00PM Matins with the Canon of Saint Andrew (anticipated for Thursday)

Friday March 20

OUR VENERABLE FATHERS OF THE SAINT SABBAS MONASTERY, KILLED BY SARACENS

(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED, NO MEAT)

7:00PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for +Juraj Kasperek by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Saturday March 21

AKATHISTOS SATURDAY

10:00AM Akathist to the Theotokos

11:30-4PM Pysanky Social

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT; TONE 8; THE HOLY MARTYR BASILIDES

Saturday March 21 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for Jeremy Rentsch by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday March 22 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

10:00AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 (Galatians 3:23-29); Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 (Luke 7:36-50)

11:45AM Adult Education on the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Lewis Rabayda

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

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

+Mykola and +Paraskevia Scheremeta

by Michael & Irene Laschuk

EPIPHANY NOTE CARDS NOW AVAILABLE: In cooperation with the GCU, we are offering a limited run of one-of-a-kind note cards with our church beautifully printed on the cover. They come in packs of 10 (with envelopes) for \$20. We will also be selling prints of our church for \$10, both available in the gift shop!

CLASS ON THE DIVINE LITURGY: Fr. Lewis will teach a class on the Divine Liturgy after each Sunday of the Great Fast. As we have in the recent past, the classes will be streamed on our YouTube channel, and available for future viewing.

Stewardship 03/08/2026 **March Off. Total: \$7,117.80**

Offertory \$3,060.00 **Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,775.00**

Capital Imp. \$1,175.00 **March Total \$8,892.80**

Online Giving \$1,103.26 **Mar. Op. Budget \$13,662.24**

MINOR ALTAR RENOVATIONS: There are two HVAC systems in the church worship space. This week, the Altar HVAC system will be augmented to better regulate the temperature for the Altar and Nave areas. Drywall will have to be cut and repainted when the registers are moved and repaired. We will use this opportunity to accomplish a goal we have had for some time: to paint the Altar area blue, a classic Byzantine visual theme, which symbolizes the heavens. We look forward to seeing this beautiful improvement!

PYSANKY FOLLOW-UP: Thank you to everyone who attended last year's and this year's pysanky workshops! All are invited to a follow up gathering on Saturday, March 21st after the Akathist concludes, to continue to make more pysanky to get ready for Pascha. This is not a class, just an informal gathering to enjoy good camaraderie while making pysanky to give to our friends and family. All experience levels are welcome and no RSVP required – just drop by anytime after the Akathist service. We will work until close to 4:00 pm, then clean up. Dyes and wax provided. Some prepared eggs also provided (limited number of eggs, first come first served). Please be sure to bring your stylus, candle, towel, and pencil (and 1 to 3 eggs, just in case).

THE GREAT FAST IS THE TIME FOR REPENTANCE:
All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast—there is no alternative penance. Prayer, fasting, & alms-giving are the main activities of
LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Sally Baer, Cathy Bowen, Anna & Catherine Cospelich, Paulo DosReis, Angela Free, Ernie & Patricia Holewinski, Katherine Lydon, Mario Marione, Fr. Maximos, Patricia Moyle, Patricia Rabayda, Andrew Reidy, Anthony Regan, Marisol Reyes, Mary Rinik, Allyson Scalzi, Fr. Robert Stash, Will Saint-Fleur, Marie Warnicke, and Tim Watson. *May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.*

Our deployed military members: Pvt. Bryan Buck, and Cmdr. 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.*

our Lenten journey. However, part of our prayer is to acknowledge the sins we have committed and engage in active repentance. **In order to remain a Catholic in Good Standing, it is our obligation—and should be our desire—to go to the Mystery of Repentance at least once each year.**

2025 ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL: Our goal is the same as the last few years, \$10,800. If we reach our goal by June 1 2026, we will receive a 40% rebate. We have met this goal 5 years running, so giving to the Bishop's Appeal is giving to our parish! Please let us know if you need an envelope, we have them in the office. **So far 19 families have donated a total of \$8,275!**

ROSWELL PREGNANCY AID CLINIC DONATIONS: The Roswell Pregnancy Aid Clinic, an organization dedicated to helping mothers and families choose and protect life, is accepting donations this Lenten season (and at all other times, too). We will have a spot in the narthex for donations to be collected. They say their **biggest needs are: size 5 and 6 diapers, baby toiletries, baby boy clothes, gently used non-fabric toys, any gently used baby clothes (up to 2T), and most especially committed prayers for mothers, babies, and families to choose life.** Please consider donating to them during this alms-giving season.



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.

BECOMING BYZANTINE



BYZANTINE CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS
INITIAL & POST-BAPTISMAL CATECHESIS

<https://becomingbyzantine.updates.church>

Upcoming Social Events

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| March 21 | Pysanky Social after Akathist |
| Apr 12 | Thomas Sunday Picnic |
| May 3 | Mother's Day Brunch |

Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book (March 14/15) Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;
Tone 7 on p. 154

- (Sun) 1st & 2nd Typical Psalms: p. 16
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19
(Sun) Beatitudes: p. 23
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: A p. 25
(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion: p. 156 & 226
"Holy God": A p. 27
Prokeimenon & Alleluia: p. 158 & 226
Cherubikon: A p. 42
Creed: B p. 53
Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great: p. 96
Magnification: p. 98
Preparation for Communion: p. 62
Our Father: Tone 7 p. 72
Communion Hymn: A p. 78 & 227
"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
Beneath Your Compassion: p. 454

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

During his fifth week of the Great Fast we look towards the great ascetics, especially St. John Climacus, the author of The Ladder of Divine Ascent, as well as the author of The Great Canon, which will be prayed Wednesday night.

These holy fathers have taught us the importance of fasting and praying without ceasing.

THE USUAL BEGINNING PRAYERS

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy *on us*.
Amen.

Glory to you, our God,
glory *to you*.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
everywhere present and filling all things,
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life,
come and dwell within us,
cleanse us of all stain,
and save our souls, O *gracious* One.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,
have mercy *on us*. (*3 times with a bow*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us;
Lord, cleanse us of our sins;
Master, forgive our transgressions;
Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for
your name's sake.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us *from* evil.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have *mercy*.

Come, let us worship our King and God,
Come, let us worship Christ, our King and God,
Come, let us worship and bow down before Jesus
Christ, the *King* and our God.

PSALM 50

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my *offense*.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from *my* sin.

My offenses truly I know them;
my sin is always *before* me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I *have* done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when *you* judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I *conceived*.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach *me* wisdom.
O sprinkle me with hyssop, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter *than* snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed *may* thrill.

From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all *my* guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God;
put a steadfast spirit *within* me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your *holy* spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor *sustain* me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return *to* you.
O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out *your* goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare *your* praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would *refuse*,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humbled, contrite heart you will *not* spurn.

In your goodness, show favor to Zion:
rebuild the walls of *Jerusalem*.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
burnt offerings wholly consumed,
then you will be offered young bulls on *your* altar.

APOSTICA OF VESPERS

T2 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Let us honor the holy John as an angel upon earth, and a man of God in heaven; he is the adornment of the world and the treasury of virtues, the pride and glory of ascetics. Planted in the house of God, he has flourished like the just, as a cedar in the desert. He has caused the flock of the spiritual sheep of Christ to grow in justice and holiness.

Now and ever, and forever. Amen: We now behold a new wonder, greater than the wonders of old. For who has ever known a mother to bear a child without the help of man? Who has known a mother to hold within her arms the Source of all creation? It was God's own will to be born in this manner; and you, O most pure Virgin, carried Him as an infant in your arms. Because of this, you can approach God with the boldness of a mother. Therefore, we venerate you and ask you to always beseech Him to have mercy on us and save our souls.

HYMN OF LIGHT OF MATINS

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: The sensual pleasures of this world only bring us disgust, and by fasting, your flesh has wasted away; but you renewed the strength of your soul, and you gained eternal glory in heaven. O venerable Father John, do not cease to intercede for us.

Now and ever, and forever. Amen: You are truly most blessed, O virgin Mother of God. Through the One who was incarnate of you, Hades was chained, Adam revived, the curse wiped out, Eve set free, Death put to death, and we ourselves were brought back to life. That is why we cry out in praise: Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who finds in this your good pleasure. Glory to You!

AT THE PRAISES

T1 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Come, let us labor in the mystical vineyard of the Lord, and in it, we shall gather the fruit of conversion; cultivate virtue through fasting and prayer. Thus we shall please the Lord, and the Master of the vineyard will give us the recompense by redeeming our souls from the debt of sin; for He alone is all good.

Now and ever, and forever. Amen: You are truly most blessed, O Virgin Mother of God. Through the One who was incarnate of you, Hades was chained, Adam revived, the curse wiped out, Eve set free, Death put to death, and we ourselves were brought back to life. That is why we cry out in praise: Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who find in this your good pleasure. Glory to You!
Lord have mercy. (*40 times*)

PRAYER OF THE HOURS

O good God, in all times and places you are worshiped and glorified both in heaven and on earth. You are long-suffering and generous in your mercy and compassion. You love the just and show mercy to the sinner, calling all to repentance through the promise of blessings to come. Deem, O Lord, at this very hour, to receive our supplications and to direct our lives in the path of your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; deliver us from all affliction, trouble, and distress; surround us with your holy angels so that, guided and guarded in their camp, we may attain oneness of faith and the knowledge of your unspeakable glory. For you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.

**THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM (ALL DAYS OF THE FAST
EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS)**

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. (*Prostration*)

Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love. (*Prostration*)

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen. (*Prostration*)

Then, with a simple bow, the following is repeated 4 times

+O God, be merciful to me a sinner

+O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

+O Lord, forgive me, for I have sinned without number.

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love.

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen. (*Prostration*)

THE DISMISSAL

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim,
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,
who, a virgin, gave birth to God, the Word;
you, truly the Theotokos, we magnify.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus
Christ our God, have mercy *on* us.

Amen.