



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; POST-FESTIVE DAY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION; TONE 8

Saturday August 9 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Chancey Family by the Bragg Family

Sunday August 10 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34
11:20AM Panachida for the repose of +Zach Vivanco by Hanna Grace Fuchko

Tuesday August 12 **THE HOLY MARTYRS PHOTIUS AND ANICETUS**
7:00PM Paraklesis: Office of Consolation to the Mother of God

THE DORMITION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY (Holyday of Obligation)

Thursday August 14 7:00PM All-Night Vigil (Vespers & Matins) with the Procession of the Dormition Shroud
10PM-8AM Keeping vigil at the Tomb through the night

Friday August 15 12NOON Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Flowers for A Special Intention by Cristian Stern
7:00PM Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Flowers for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
(simple abstinence from meat)

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; POST-FESTIVE DAY OF THE DORMITION; TONE 1

Saturday August 16 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Conversion of the Cutchin Family by David & Sarah M.

Sunday Aug 17 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

During the month of August, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for the repose of
+Edwin Bolha & +Lillian Bolha
by John & Monica Derner

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| Stewardship 8/3/2025 | Aug Off. Total: | \$4,035.50 |
| Offertory \$3,845.50 | Cap. Imp. Total: | \$220 |
| Capital Improvement \$220 | Total Aug | \$4,255.5 |
| Online Giving \$190 | Aug. Op. Budget | \$12,631 |

***DORMITION FAST:** Just as we had a short fast before the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul, there is a short fast before the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on August 15. This is a voluntary fast, meaning that one is not obligated to adhere to this fast. However, if one would like to engage, then it begins on Friday, August 1, and ends on the evening of Thursday, August 14. The tradition is that the fast would follow the same rules as the Great Fast.

***ANNUAL ALL-NIGHT VIGIL IN HONOR OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS:** As we have for the past few years, we will celebrate in full liturgical fashion this glorious feast and Holyday of Obligation:

- We will have a liturgical All-Night Vigil on Aug. 14 beginning at 7:00PM. This will include Great Vespers with Litija and Matins with a candlelight procession with the burial shroud of the Theotokos.
- We will have an opportunity for the faithful to pray the Psalms and other private devotions through the night until the morning services. Please use the SignUpGenius to secure your hour. An off-duty Roswell Police Officer will be on the grounds to assure safety.
- On Aug. 15, the Divine Liturgy will be offered at 12NOON and then 7:00PM



***BLESSING FLOWERS/HERBS ON DORMITION:** [A Note from the Typicon] The historical origin of this custom seems to have been the blessing of the first fruits of olives by the Patriarch of Constantinople. DeMeester notes that in its present form it has many borrowings from the Roman tradition. The Slav texts title it as “Blessing of Herbs,” and the intention of the

prayer seems to be the blessing of herbs that were used for medicinal purposes in the summer heat which was conducive to many infectious diseases. In more recent times, the tradition concerning the death of the Theotokos that flowers were discovered in her tomb after her body was taken into heaven has influenced this office and made it a blessing of flowers.

2025 UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE: Most Ruthenians will be aware of the Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help held at Mount Saint Macrina—our Sisters of St. Basil the Great Monastery—in Uniontown, Pennsylvania on Labor Day Weekend. This year will be the 91st pilgrimage from Aug. 30-31, and Fr. Lewis in addition to some parishioners will be attending. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining others and representing our parish at this prayerful event.

RETREAT FOR WIDOWS AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM MELKITE CHURCH: There will be a retreat for widows August 16 at St. John Chrysostom Melkite Church, given by Fr. Elias. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 AM with brunch and retreat to follow. For more information call 404-373-9522

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, 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: Cadet Hanna Fuchko, Pvt. Bryan Buck, Sailor David Russo, 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.*

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.

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YOU**

**BUT PROBABLY NOT
ON YOUR CELL PHONE**

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DURING SERVICES**

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Upcoming Social Events

Aug/Sept 31/01 Uniontown Pilgrimage

Sept. 7 Monthly Picnic

Oct. 5 Founders' Day Celebration

**Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book
August 9/10 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;
Tone 8 on p. 159

(Sun) 1st & 2nd Sun. Antiphons of Feast: p. 346

(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18

(Sun) 3rd Sun. Antiphon of the Feast: p. 350

(Sun) Entrance Hymn of the Feast: p. 350

(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion of Transfiguration p. 347

Holy God, B p. 28

Cherubikon: A p. 42

Creed: A p. 51

Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 56

We Praise You...: A p. 58

Our Father: Tone 8 p. 73

Communion Hymn: A p. 78

"We have seen...": B p. 83

"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

“Why do Byzantine Catholics do that?”

Liturgical Actions of the Divine Liturgy

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

This is the most common Liturgical gesture made by Eastern Christians in the Divine Liturgy and in personal prayer. In the Divine Liturgy we make the Sign of the Cross whenever the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are mentioned, whenever the priest blesses the faithful, to conclude our profound bows, and some traditions include when the deacon incenses the people. The Sign of the Cross is a powerful prayer because it invokes each Person of the Holy Trinity and because it is by the Cross that Christ crushed sin and death. The Cross of Christ is often called “The Life Creating Cross” in our Liturgical services. It is by the Cross that the Church gives life to her children. It is by the Cross that we fight against the armies of the evil one and invite the Holy Trinity to dwell within us.

THE PROFOUND BOW (METANY)

Besides the Sign of the Cross, The Profound Bow is the second most common Liturgical gesture made by the people. It is also known as a “Metany” from the Greek word Metanoia, which means a change of heart, and this word is often associated with repentance. We perform a profound bow whenever we venerate the icon on the tetrapod, and at various points in the Divine Liturgy. In the Liturgy, the Profound Bows we perform are meant to call us to Metanoia, to turn our hearts to God. We make Profound Bows at the Thrice Holy Hymn, the Words of Institution, the Epiclesis, and the Prayer before Communion. We make Profound Bows because of the significance of these parts of the Liturgy. The Profound Bow sometime replaces kneeling and prostrations, which are not permitted on Sundays or Feast Days.

