



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS *Tone 4; AP16*

Saturday Mar. 29 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the Conversion of Alyona Sekretarova by David & Sarah M.

Sunday Mar. 30 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 & Ephesians 5:9-19 Mark 9:17-31 & Matthew 4:25-5:12
11:45AM ECF for Children & Adult Education: *The Art of Dying Well*

Wednesday Apr. 2 **THE GREAT CANON OF OUR VENERABLE FATHER ANDREW OF CRETE (ANTICIPATED)**
(Abstinence from meat obligatory)
7PM Matins with the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete

Friday Apr. 4 **OUR VENERABLE FATHERS JOSEPH THE HYMNOGRAPHER, & GEORGE OF MALEON**
7PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of +The Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Bragg Family

Saturday Apr. 5 **AKATHISTOS SATURDAY**
10AM Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; MEMORY OF OUR HOLY MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT *Tone 5; AP17*

Saturday Apr. 5 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Monthly Blessing of Anniversaries & Birthdays

Sunday Apr. 6 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the repose of +William & Mary Ann Pinkney by Kerrie Pinkney
(live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 & Galatians: 3:23-29 Mark 10:32-45 & Luke 7:36-50
Monthly Picnic—Vegan Theme—Monthly Blessing of Anniversaries & Birthdays
12NOON ECF for Children & Adult Education: *The Art of Dying Well*

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

***Monthly Picnic Next Week:** Theme is Vegan, but we will allow any type of seafood.

Stewardship 03/23/2025	Mar. Off. Total: \$14,023.20
Offertory \$1,444	Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,120
Online Giving \$640.35	Lent \$100
Capital Improvement \$200	ECL \$20
Easter Flowers \$25	Easter Flowers \$180
	Total Mar. \$15,443.20
	Mar. Op. Budget \$12,878

***2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: So far 21 families have donated a total of \$8,700 towards our goal of \$10,800. If we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% rebate, just as we have in the past 4 years. So, giving to the Bishop's Appeal is giving to our parish!**



LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: Dcn John is leading a 5 week class on Christian death and the afterlife titled: *Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well*, on the Sundays of the Great Fast. Alighting with the Byzantine practice of praying for the dead on Saturday's during Lent, 4 Video sessions will discuss death and what the Catholic belief is on what happens to the soul. The 5th session will discuss the specifics of the Byzantine Catholic funeral.

Pysanky Workshop at Epiphany: We have 46 people signed up for our first Pysanky Workshop! Pysanky is the Slavic tradition of designing and dying eggs specifically for the Paschal Season. There are many traditional patterns and colors used. The event will be here at Epiphany from 1-5PM on Saturday, April 12, for those who have already RSVP-d.

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

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.*

***THE GREAT FAST IS THE TIME FOR REPENTANCE:** Prayer, Fasting, & Almsgiving are the main activities of our Lenten Journey. However, part of our prayer, is to acknowledge the sins we have committed—either recently, or from our youth—and engage in active repentance. Active repentance is both: feeling remorse for our sins and offering sacrifices and extra prayer to God as expiation, and to actually utilize the Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance, and ask God for forgiveness of the sins we have committed. In order to remain a Catholic In Good Standing, it is our obligation, and our desire to go to the Mystery of Repentance at least once each year.

***Special Services This Week:** On Wednesday evening we will celebrate **Lenten Matins with the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete**, which is a beautiful composition of repentance and remorse for the sins we may have committed through our lives, and coupled with many full prostrations (full service calls for apx. 300, our service will include at least 100). This service is prescribed for Thursday morning, but we will celebrate it Wednesday evening. Saturday, is **Akathistos Saturday**. The usual prescription is that the Akathistos to the Theotokos is sung within the celebration of Matins, but we will sing it by itself at 10AM.

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

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| Apr. 6 | Monthly Picnic: Vegan Theme |
| Apr. 12 | Pysanky Workshop 1-5PM for those who have RSVP-d |
| Apr. 27 | Thomas Sunday Picnic |
| July 16 | 2025 Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Assembly, Whiting, Indiana |
| Aug/Sept | 31/01 Uniontown Pilgrimage |

Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book Mar. 29/30 Sunday of St. John Climacus

- Vigil Divine Liturgy Green Pew Book p. 104:
 Tone 4: p. 138
 —see handout—
- Sunday see handout—
- (Sun) 1st & 2nd Typical Psalm: A p. 16
 (Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18
 (Sun) The Beatitudes: p. 23
 (Sun) Entrance Hymn: p. 25
 (Sun) Tropar. T4 p. 141 & p. 226
 "Holy God..." B p. 33
 Cherubikon: A p. 42
 Creed: B p. 53
 The Anaphora of St. Basil p. 96 version A
 Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 96
 We Praise You...: A p. 98
 Our Father: Tone 4 p. 69
 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

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.

A Simple Daily Lenten Service

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*.
(2times)

+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

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.

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

Amen.

