



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS; TONE 6;

OUR VENERABLE FATHER AND CONFESSOR THEOPHYLACT

Saturday March 7 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

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

Sunday March 8 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

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

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

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

Wednesday March 11

MID-LENT; OUR HOLY FATHER SOPHRONIUS, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED, NO MEAT)

7:00PM Great Compline

Friday March 13

THE TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF OUR HOLY FATHER NICEPHOR,
PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED, NO MEAT)

7:00PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for +Mickey & Ann Leachman by Kerrie Pinkney

8:00PM Panachida for Fourth All Souls Saturday

THE 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

*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 03/01/2026 **March Off. Total: \$2954.54**

Offertory \$2691.00 **Cap. Imp. Total: \$600.00**

Capital Imp. \$600.00 **March Total \$3554.54**

Online Giving \$263.54 **Mar. Op. Budget \$13,662.24**

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 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

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, 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.*

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 **DO** accept: new and gently used baby clothing (up to size 2T), new and gently used maternity clothing, new and gently used equipment (strollers, pack n' plays, bouncy seats, etc), diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, new and gently used toys and books, new stuffed animals, new bottles, pacifiers, breast pumps, new highchairs and car seats. They **DO NOT** accept: used cribs, used highchairs, used car seats, baby bedding (bumper pads and quilts), any inclined sleeper products, stuffed animals, used bottles, pacifiers or breast pumps, baby formula and baby food, or mattresses. 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.



<https://becomingbyzantine.updates.church>

Upcoming Social Events

March 21 Pysanky Social after Akathist
Apr 12 Thomas Sunday Picnic

Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book (March 7/8) Third Sunday of the Great Fast

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;
Tone 6 on p. 149

(Sun) 1st & 2nd Typical Psalms: p. 16
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18
(Sun) Beatitudes: p. 23
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: A p. 25
(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion: p. 152 & 223
"We Bow to Your Cross": p. 32
Prokeimenon & Alleluia: p. 153 & 224
Cherubikon: A p. 42
Creed: B p. 53
Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great: p. 96
Magnification & Irmos: p. 98
Preparation for Communion: p. 62
Our Father: Tone 6 p. 71
Communion Hymn: A p. 78 & 225
"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 THE CROSS

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

During his middle week of the Fast, we focus on the Cross of Christ and its saving power. Note, how the Cross is spoken of as a sword piercing the depths of Hades, and how by Jesus enduring the Cross, that Satan has been vanquished

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 VESPER

T4 Glory... now and ever: O Lord, You assisted David in battle to overcome the godless ones; with the weapon of your Cross, help us to drive back our enemies, Show us Your love as You did before, so that the people might know in truth that You are our God, and that our victory comes from You. Your Mother intercedes unceasingly that we may be granted your great mercy.

KONTAKION

No longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden; for on them one finds the most glorious seal, the Tree of the Cross. By it the sorrow of death and the victory of the Abyss have been conquered. For You, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in the Abyss: Enter again into Paradise.

IKOS OF MATINS

Pilate set up three crosses on Golgotha, two for the thieves and one for the Lord of life. Seeing this Hades asked its servants: Who has driven this spear into my heart? A wooden

lance has pierced me, and I am torn apart. What pain has penetrated my womb and my hear, what sorrow stabs my spirit? I am force to give up Adam and his children, those whom I had received from the forbidden Tree, for a new Tree leads them to enter again into Paradise.

HYMN OF LIGHT OF MATINS

Glory: Today we see the precious Cross of Christ placed before us; let us venerate it in joy as we bow before it; and let us beseech the Lord who was crucified on it, that He may grant us the grace to contemplate his holy and glorious Resurrection.

Now and ever: We bow before the Cross, O Virgin, where your Son stretched out his most pure hands for our salvation. Grant us peace that we may contemplate the holy Passion which saved us, and the bright day of the Pasch of the Lord, which brings joy to all the world.

AT THE PRAISES

Let our songs of praise resound, and with our hymns, let us extol the precious Cross, as we cry out when we kiss it: By your power, O venerable Cross, sanctify our souls and bodies; protect from the wounds of the Enemy, the faithful who bow before you.

God is our king from time past, the Giver of help through all the land.

Come, let us drink from the inexhaustible stream which flows from the grace of the Cross. Behold, we see exposed before our eyes, the most holy wood, the fountain flowing with grace, given by the blood and water from the side of the Lord of the universe; He was voluntarily raised upon the Cross to exalt all mortals with Him.

Exalt the Lord our God; bow down before Zion, his footstool. He the Lord is holy.

O precious Cross, the firm strength of the Church, the scepter of kings, the pride and protection of monks; we bow before you on this day on which we are filled with light, in our souls and in our hearts, by the grace of the One who was nailed on you; He destroyed the power of the Enemy and dispelled the ancient curse.

Tone 8 Glory: In parables, the Lord of the universe teaches us how to preserve ourselves from the pride of the Pharisees. He makes us watchful against all boasting, giving us the example by emptying himself even to death, yes, death on

the Cross. In thanksgiving, together with the Publican, we say to Him: You suffered for us, even though as God You are beyond all suffering; deliver us from our passions and save our souls.

Now and ever: 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!

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.