



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## —Schedule of Divine Services—

### SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; ST. POLYCARP & GREGORY PALAMAS *Tone 2; API4*

- Saturday Mar. 15** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
- Sunday Mar. 16** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the repose of +Mickey & Ann Leachman by Kerrie Pinkney (live streamed)  
Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Mark 2:1-12  
11:45AM ECF for Children & Adult Education: *The Art of Dying Well*
- Friday Mar. 21** **OUR VENERABLE FATHER & CONFESSOR JAMES, BISHOP OF CATANIA;  
3RD ALL SOULS SATURDAY PANACHIDA**  
(Abstinence from meat obligatory)  
7PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of +The Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Bragg Family  
8:10PM 3rd All Souls Panachida for the repose of those inscribed in our Dyptics

### THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS *Tone 3; API5*

- Saturday Mar. 22** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the Conversion of the Willson Family by David & Sarah M.
- Sunday Mar. 23** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)  
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Mark 8:34-9:1  
11:45AM ECF for Children & Adult Education: *The Art of Dying Well*

\*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

Stewardship 03/09/2025	<b>Mar. Off. Total:</b> \$8,983.85
Offertory \$1,643.50	<b>Cap. Imp. Total:</b> \$320
Online Giving \$3,247.35	<b>Lent</b> \$100
Capital Improvement \$100	<b>ECL</b> \$20
ECL \$20	<b>Total Mar.</b> \$9,403.85
	Mar. Op. Budget \$12,878

**LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS:** Dcn John will lead 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.

**2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: So far 20 families have donated a total of \$7,975 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!



**\*Pysanky Workshop at Epiphany:** Pysanky is the Slavic tradition of designing and dyeing eggs specifically for the Paschal Season. There are many traditional patterns and colors used. Parishioners will be holding our own Pysanky Workshop here at Epiphany at 1-5PM on Saturday, April 12. One will be able to learn the traditional symbols and techniques to produce these works of art at the class, and will have extra supplies to continue making them at home. There is a \$20 cover fee for a complete supply kit; please RSVP to Irene Laschuk at 770-712-5993 by Monday, March 17.

**\*PYSANKY WORKSHOP:** The Carpatho-Rusyn Society Southeastern Chapter will be holding a Pysanky Work-

shop on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church Hall, 2265 East Cherokee Drive, Woodstock, GA. The art of decorating eggs with wax is a tradition of many Eastern European countries. The designs can be very intricate with many layers of colors or simpler with symbols that have special meaning. Come and create a beautiful pysanky for your Easter basket this year. \$10 for supplies to be paid at the event. Reservations are necessary due to limited class size. To register, text Bonnie at 216 235-9328 or email [bb@c-rs.org](mailto:bb@c-rs.org)

**\*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.

During the month of March, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for the repose of  
**+Mykola and +Paraskevia Scheremeta** by Mike & Irene Laschuk

**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.*

## 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. 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. 15/16 Sunday of Orthodoxy

- Vigil Divine Liturgy Green Pew Book p. 104:  
 Tone 2: p. 128  
 —see handout—  
 —Sunday see handout—  
 (Sun) 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. T2 p. 130 & p. 222  
 "Holy God..." C p. 28  
 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 2 p. 67  
 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 GREGORY PALAMAS

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

This week we focus on the Great Flood and the salvation of Noah in the ark. This is a foreshadowing of our baptism, by which we are saved from sin by the mystery of water, a sign of death to sin and life in God.

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## 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,  
cleans 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

**T8 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:** Your voice, which is always ready to teach, resounds in the ears of our hearts; it awakens even the most slothful souls. And by your inspired words, you show us the steps of the ladder which leads us from earth to God. O holy Gregory, wonder of Thessalonica, intercede with Christ, that with his divine brightness, He may enlighten those who honor your memory.

**Now and ever, and forever. Amen.:** O Virgin, You have never known wedlock, yet you conceived God in the flesh in a manner which words can never describe. You thus became the Mother of God on high. O Immaculate Lady, receive the supplication of your servants and grant us the cleaning of our sins. Accept now our prayers and beseech God to save all of us.

#### KONTAKION

We praise you, O holy bishop Gregory, as a divine instrument of wisdom and as the brilliant trumpet of the knowledge of God. We submit our minds to the intelligence of the Creator; lead our hearts to Him that we may sing: Rejoice, O

preacher of grace.

#### IKOS OF MATINS

You appeared as a heavenly angel on earth, proclaiming the divine mysteries to mortals; joining your spirit to the incorporeal choirs, you inspire our hearts to sing:  
Rejoice, through you night has disappeared,  
Rejoice, through you daylight has appeared,  
Rejoice, messenger of the uncreated God who is good,  
Rejoice, chastiser of the created falsehood.

Rejoice, height that reveals the nature of God,  
Rejoice, depth that probes the energy of God.  
Rejoice, sublime proclaimer of the glory of God,  
Rejoice, wise denouncer of those who err against God.

Rejoice, reflection of the Sun that never dies,  
Rejoice, bowl of divine nectar that always satisfies.  
Rejoice, through you truth shines out,  
Rejoice, through you falsehood is wiped out.

Rejoice, preacher of grace.

#### APOSTICA OF WEDNESDAY MATINS

**Tone 2:** All-good Father, I have foolishly scorned my dignity as your child, and separated myself from your glory. I have shamefully squandered the treasure of your grace; I have been deprived of divine nourishment by eating at the table of an impure master, who has sent me to his fields to feed with the pigs in a life of debauchery, at the peril of my soul. I have not been satisfied with the pleasures which enslave me; but in repentance I cry out to my Father, so good and compassionate: I have sinned against heaven and against You, have mercy on me.

The multitude of martyrs prays to You, O Christ; Have mercy on us and save us.

**Glory to the Father, and the the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and for ever. Amen.:** O pure Lady, when they nailed your Son and your God to the Cross, what sorrow you felt, weeping and sighing and crying bitterly: Alas, my beloved Child, how You suffer unjustly in your desire to save Adam's kind. Therefore, O all-holy Virgin, we bed you in faith, obtain the favor of your Son for us.

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.

