



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS *Tone 3; AP15*

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*

Tuesday Mar. 25 **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY**
(Great Feast, Solemn Holyday, Not a day of Fast—complete mitigation)
7PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for:
Thanksgiving to God for all of His Benefits by Antonia Reidy

Wednesday Mar. 26 **MID-LENT; LEAVE-TAKING OF THE ANNUNCIATION;**
SYNAXIS OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL (Abstinence from meat obligatory)
7PM Great Compline for the Great Fast

Friday Mar. 28 **OUR VENERABLE FATHER HILARY THE YOUNGER;**
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 4th All Souls Panachida for the repose of those inscribed in our Dyptics

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*

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

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| Stewardship 03/16/2025 | Mar. Off. Total: \$11,938.85 | *2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: So far 21 families |
| Offertory \$2,415 | Cap. Imp. Total: \$920 | have donated a total of \$8,275 towards our goal of |
| Online Giving \$540 | Lent \$100 | \$10,800. If we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% |
| Capital Improvement \$600 | ECL \$20 | rebate, just as we have in the past 4 years. So, giving to the |
| Easter Flowers \$155 | Easter Flowers \$155 | Bishop's Appeal is giving to our parish! |
| | Total Mar. \$13,133.85 | |
| | 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.

***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 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.*

***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.

***Annunciation:** The Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos is a Great Solemn Feast, a day on which no fasting is prescribed, and instead, modest feasting would be appropriate—principally, feasting at the Lord's Supper. This feast marks the moment when the Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she has been chosen to be the vessel through which the Son of God would be born. March 25th is exactly 9 months before the Nativity of Christ, as his birth is considered to be perfect in every way.

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

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. 22/23 Sunday of the Cross

Vigil Divine Liturgy Green Pew Book p. 104:
Tone 3: p. 133
—see handout—

—Sunday see handout—

(Sun) 1st & 2nd Typical Psalm: A p. 16

(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19

(Sun) The Beatitudes: p. 23

(Sun) Entrance Hymn: p. 25

(Sun) Tropar. T3 p. 135 & p. 223

instead of "Holy God..." "We Bow to Your Cross" B p. 33

Cherubikon: A p. 42

Creed: A p. 51

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 3 p. 68

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 THE CROSS

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

During his middle week of the Fast, we focus on the Cross of Christ and it's 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

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

T4 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever, and forever. Amen: 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: 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, and forever. Amen: 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. 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.

