



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; OUR VENERABLE FATHERS ISSAC, DALMATUS, AND FAUSTUS; TONE 7

Saturday August 2 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for Holy Father Leo XIV by David & Sarah Malakauskas
Monthly Blessing of Anniversaries and Birthdays

Sunday August 3 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22
11:30-3:00PM Monthly Blessing of Anniversaries & Birthdays, & Parish Picnic

Monday August 4 **THE HOLY SEVEN CHILDREN OF EPHEBUS**
Day of Alleluia

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Tuesday August 5 7:00PM Great Vespers with Litija

Wednesday August 6 7:00PM Divine Liturgy for A Special Intention of James Reichard
Blessing of Fruits (especially apples and grapes) immediately after Divine Liturgy

Friday August 8 **THE HOLY CONFESSOR EMILIAN, BISHOP OF CYZICE**
7:00PM The Paraklesis: The Office of Consolation to the Mother of God
(simple abstinence from meat)

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE HOLY MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON LAWRENCE OF ROME; 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

*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

Stewardship 7/27/2025	July Off. Total:	\$12,409
Offertory \$1,570	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$1,120
Online Giving \$230	Total July	\$13,529.04
	July Op. Budget	\$12,407
	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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: This upcoming Wednesday, August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. We will begin the celebration of this Feast with Great Vespers on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM and we will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. This Feast is one of the Twelve Major Feasts of the Lord that occur through the year. On this day we remember when Christ revealed the Uncreated Light of His Divinity on Mount Tabor and we mitigate our fasting. The following passage is an excerpt from St. Gregory Palamas:

“Let us, considering the Mystery of the Transfiguration of the Lord in accord with [the Apostles’] teaching, strive to be illumined by this Light ourselves and encourage in ourselves love and striving towards the Unfading Glory and Beauty, purifying our spiritual eyes of worldly thoughts and refraining from perishable and quickly passing delights and beauty which darken the garb of the soul and lead to the fire of Gehenna and everlasting darkness. Let us be freed from these by the illumination and knowledge of the incorporeal and ever-existing Light of our Savior transfigured on Tabor, in His Glory, and of His Father from all eternity, and His Life-Creating Spirit, Whom are One Radiance, One Godhead, and Glory, and Kingdom, and Power now and forever. Amen.”

—*Sermon on The Transfiguration.* St. Gregory Palamas.

Blessing of Fruits (especially apples and grapes): It is traditional to bless fruits after the Ambon Prayer of the

Divine Liturgy on the Transfiguration, please bring all the fruit you can to Liturgy!

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.

The Pilgrimage is a national gathering of Ruthenian Byzantine Catholics to ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help through many public outdoor services: The Hierarchy Divine Liturgy, The Divine Liturgy, Vespers, Matins, The Akathist to the Theotokos, The Moleben to Jesus the Lover of Mankind, The Paraklisis for the deceased, and the Office of Holy Oil. There are also many other events for adults, young adults, teens, and children through the weekend and food can be purchased at several food stands. All four of our bishops will be present and celebrating the services. Accommodations are available on-site in the form of dorm style rooms and camping. There are also hotels in close proximity to the The Mount.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in joining others and representing our parish at this prayerful event.

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.

**GOD MAY BE CALLING
YOU**

**BUT PROBABLY NOT
ON YOUR CELL PHONE**

**PLEASE TURN OFF
YOUR CELL PHONE
DURING SERVICES**

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Upcoming Social Events

Aug 3	Monthly Pot-Luck Picnic
Aug/Sept	31/01 Uniontown Pilgrimage
Sept. 7	Monthly Picnic

**Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book
August 2/3 8th Sunday after Pentecost**

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;
Tone 7 on p. 154

(Sun) 1st & 2nd Sun. Antiphons: p. 14
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19
(Sun) 3rd Sun. Antiphon: p. 22
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: p. 25
(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion T7 p. 156

Holy God, E p.30
Cherubikon: E p. 46
Creed: B p. 53

Thrice Holy Hymn: p. C p. 57

We Praise You...: E p. 60

Our Father: Tone 7 p. 72

Communion Hymn: E p. 80

"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

“Why do Byzantine Catholics do that?”

The Byzantine Hail Mary and The Prayer Rule of the Theotokos

Most Catholics, both Western and Eastern, are familiar with the Hail Mary used by Roman Catholics to pray the Rosary and meditate on the life of Christ. As Eastern Christians, we have our own version of the Hail Mary known as the Angelic Salutation or “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos”. The text can be found below and in the Pew Book p453:

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the Fruit of your womb. For you gave birth to Christ the Savior and Redeemer of our souls.

This version of the Hail Mary differs from the Western version by being less directly a supplication to the Theotokos, it focuses on rejoicing over what the Lord has done in the life of the Theotokos, which has brought life to all. The use of the Angelic Salutation also differs slightly in the Eastern Catholic Church. The Angelic Salutation is mostly used at the end of Great Vespers during an All-Night Vigil, where it is sung three times. It is also prayed in the Prayer Rule of The Theotokos.

The Prayer Rule of the Theotokos according to tradition was first given to the Monk Thebais in Egypt during the eighth century. It is similar to but predates the Rosary. It slowly faded from popular use and was made popular again by St. Seraphim of Sarov (canonized by the Orthodox, but still venerated by Catholics). The Rule consists of The Trisagion prayers, the Symbol of Faith (The Creed), and 150 recitations of the Angelic Salutation, divided into fifteen decades, each meditating on a different event in the lives of Christ or the Theotokos, some of these decades are the same as the Rosary and some are different. The Prayer Rule also consists of praying for certain people each decade. We are working to provide the full text of the Rule.

