



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## —Schedule of Divine Services—

### 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 Adult Education: *The Art of Dying Well*
- Wednesday Apr. 9** 7PM **THE HOLY MARTYR EUPSYCHIUS** (Abstinence from meat obligatory)  
Great Compline for the Great Fast
- Friday Apr. 11** 7PM **THE HOLY MARTYR ANTIPAS, BISHOP OF PERGAMUM IN ASIA—END OF THE 40 DAY FAST** (Abstinence from meat obligatory)  
Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Magdelin & +John Ursanic by Antonia Reidy
- Saturday Apr. 12** **LAZARUS SATURDAY**
- PALM & FLOWERY SUNDAY; GREAT FEAST, NO FASTING; AP19-21**
- Saturday Apr. 12** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows  
Divine Liturgy of St. John with the Office of Christian Initiation of Cristian Jerome Stern for Cristian Stern by the Bragg Family with Mirovanija (live streamed)
- Sunday Apr. 13** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Procession with Palms and Pussy Willows  
Divine Liturgy of St. John for the faithful of Epiphany Parish with Mirovanija  
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18

\*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

\***Monthly Picnic Apr. 6:** Theme is Vegan, but we will allow any type of seafood.

<b>Stewardship 03/30/2025</b>		<b>Mar. Off. Total: \$15,819.20</b>
Offertory	\$1,311	<b>Cap. Imp. Total: \$1,220</b>
Online Giving	\$485	<b>Lent \$100</b>
Capital Improvement	\$100	<b>ECL \$20</b>
Easter Flowers	\$130	<b>Easter Flowers \$310</b>
		<b>Total Mar. \$17,469.20</b>
		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!

**\*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.

—This means that for the Byzantine counting of the 40 days, the fast is technically over after Friday, April 11, and the following week is a whole separate fast, at which point, we can all intensify our resolve and fasting practices.

**\*CONDITIONAL ADULT BAPTISM:** Next Saturday at the Palm Sunday Vigil liturgy, we will celebrate the Office of Christian Initiation for Cristian Jerome Stern, who will be conditionally Baptized into the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church! Cristian has been studying a long time and we welcome him officially, liturgically, and spiritually to the Church. May God grant him many happy years!



**\*BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FUNERAL GUIDE:** One of the many good fruits of Dcn. John's class on *The Art of Dying Well* is that he produced an informative and helpful guide for the faithful to better understand a Catholic Funeral and what is recommended, as well as what is prohibited. These guides will be available to all parishioners in the coming weeks, and we will suggest that each person consider filling out the form at the end of the guide, discuss it with loved ones, and have it filed in the parish office.

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.*

## 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 Apr. 5/6 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

- Vigil Divine Liturgy Green Pew Book p. 104:  
 Tone 5: p. 143  
 —see handout—
- Sunday see handout—
- (Sun) 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. T5 p. 146 & p. 230  
 "Holy God..." C p. 28  
 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 5 p. 70  
 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

**\*PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION:** We will bless the Palms and Pussy Willows during the Saturday evening liturgy along with Litija and then have the distribution of the blessed bread and Mirovanje blessing for the Great Feast of Our Lord, The Entrance into Jerusalem.

On Sunday morning, as the faithful enter the church, they will be invited to take their palms and pussy willows with them into the pews to hold for the entirety of liturgy. Before the liturgy begins, we will process around the outside of the church (weather permitting) and sing the Palm Sunday Troparia and Kontakia. So, please come early (on-time) to participate in this joyous procession, of Praising Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem as King.

**\*HISTORICAL NOTE FROM THE TYPICON:** "Friday, April 11 ends the forty-day fast before Pascha that runs from the Monday after Cheesefare Sunday until the day before Lazarus Saturday. In origins this fast seems to be an imitation of the forty-day fast Jesus made after His baptism in the Jordan. In Egypt, it prepared the catechumens for the reception of baptism on the fortieth day after Theophany. Today it is done immediately before Pascha and concludes with a day of baptism on Lazarus Saturday. The Great and Holy Week remains as a period of six days of even more intense penance as an immediate preparation for Pascha, perhaps originating in the Jewish Week of Unleavened Bread, which was understood as a period of fast. The Paschal Fast of Holy Week is, therefore, more ancient than that of the Great Forty-day Fast."

**\*GUARDING OF THE TOMB ON GOOD FRIDAY:** We will again have the opportunity to guard the Tomb of Christ through the night of Good Friday after services, until Holy Saturday morning at 8AM. Please use the SignUpGenious to reserve your hour. This is an excellent opportunity for private quiet prayer to contemplate the Mystery of Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection!



### **Thomas Sunday Paschal Celebration (April 27th):**

As Many of you know, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Pascha (April 20), but we will have our big Paschal Celebration & Picnic on the lawn the week after, on Thomas Sunday (April 27). This will ensure that we can all spend pascha with our families, and that we can then spend Thomas Sunday with our parish family. It will be a fantastic celebration outside under a tent or in the sun! Just as last year, there will be music, lamb, a potluck feast, yard games, and more! This year we will include a bounce house for the children! Please start considering now what traditional Pascha garb you might wear as well as the wonderful dish you will bring! The Sign-up Genie for food items will be going out in the next week or so. We can't wait to see you there!

Our organizer, Alexandra Katakalides, is looking for several volunteers to help with Set-Up for this event on Saturday April 26. This is the day before the event where we get the tables, chairs, and decorations on the lawn and prepared for the festivities. It requires a great many hands to have a great event so please consider meeting her in the narthex this Sunday and next Sunday (Palm Sunday) to learn more and to sign up for a volunteer roll on Set-up Saturday. With more hands it all gets done fairly quickly.

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Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18
- Holy Mon. Apr. 14** 10AM Bridegroom Matins
- Holy Wed. Apr. 16** 5:30PM The Mystery of Repentance until 6:45PM  
7PM Office of Holy Oil (Mystery of Anointing) (Abstinence from meat obligatory)
- Holy Thurs. Apr. 17** 7PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (mitigation of wine & oil)  
for Fr. Elias Dorham by the Bragg Family
- Good Friday Apr. 18** 10:00AM Passion Matins (day of strict fast, no meat or dairy obligatory)  
7PM Burial Vespers with Procession of the Burial Shroud  
10PM Guarding of the Tomb until 8AM Saturday
- Good Sat. Apr. 19** 8:00AM Guarding of the Tomb ends(day of fast (no meat), mitigation of wine)
- PASCHA: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!**
- Saturday Apr. 19** 7:30PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Mirovanija  
for the Madrigal Family by the Bragg Family  
Romans 6:3-11 & Matthew 28:1-20  
9:45PM The Blessing of Pascha Baskets
- Sunday Apr. 20** 10:00AM Resurrection Matins with procession  
11:15AM Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Mirovanija  
for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)  
Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17  
12:30PM The Blessing of Pascha Baskets
- Bright Mon. Apr. 21** 7PM Divine Liturgy of Bright Monday with procession and the Reading of 4 Gospels  
(Solemn Holyday) for the Reidy Family by the Bragg Family  
\*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

# PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

During his fifth week of the Great Fast we look towards the great ascetics, especially St. Mary of Egypt. Her example teaches us the great transformation that Jesus can bring to us, when we follow Him, and that there is no disordered passion, or sin that cannot be overcome.

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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,  
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:** With the sword of temperance, you have cut down the passions of the soul and flesh; you choked evil thoughts with the silence of an ascetical life. Watering the desert with the stream of your tears, you bore the fruits of repentance. We now celebrate the memory of your holiness, O venerable Mother.

**Now and ever, and forever. Amen.** We now behold a new wonder, grater 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.

#### **KONTAKION**

Once filled with all kinds of evil, now through repentance she appears as a bride of Christ. Leading an angelic life, she crushes the devils with the help of the Cross. Therefore, the venerable Mary has become a bride of the kingdom.

#### **AT THE PRAISES**

**T1 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:** The Kingdom of heaven is not eating and drinking, but it is justice and holiness. Therefore, the rich cannot enter, unless they share their treasures with the poor. For the prophet David taught us, saying: The just ones show mercy all day long and place their delight in the law of the Lord; they walk in the light and their steps do not falter. All this was written for our understanding, to join good deeds with fasting; and, in exchange for earthly goods, the Lord will grant the riches of heaven.

**Now and ever, and forever. Amen:** You are truly most blessed, O Theotokos. 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

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.

