



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Christos Raždajetsja! Slavite Jeho!



—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS (BEFORE NATIVITY); TONE 3; THE HOLY MARTYR JULIANA OF NICOMEDIA

Saturday Dec 20	4:30-5PM	Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
	5:30PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy for +Nicholas Leachman by Kerrie Pinkney
Sunday Dec 21	9-9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
		Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25
		Panachida for the repose of +Daniel Petryk by George Petryk

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Wednesday Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE (DAY OF STRICT FASTING)
	10:00AM	Royal Hours
	7:30PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy with Litija for +Abbot Nicholas Zachariadis by David & Sarah Malakauskas
	9:30PM	Great Compline
Thursday Dec 25		CHRISTMAS DAY (NO FASTING 12/25 – 01/04)
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy with Litija for the faithful of Epiphany Parish

Friday Dec 26		SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS (SOLEMN HOLYDAY) (NO ABSTINENCE)
	12 NOON	Divine Liturgy for Demetri, Alexandra, & Silas Katakallides by Lyle Cutchin

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS; TONE 4; THE MEMORY OF THE HOLY AND JUST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY; OF DAVID, PROPHET AND KING; AND OF THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, BROTHER OF THE LORD

Saturday Dec 27	4:30-5PM	Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
	5:30PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Dorham family by the Bragg family
Sunday Dec 28	9-9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
		Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

During the month of December, the Altar Lamp burns
before our Lord in the tabernacle for the
Tymchyshyn Family living and deceased
by George Tymchyshyn

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR DUST: We are finalizing plans to paint the narthex. There are several paint swatches on the walls from our brainstorming sessions to find the right color, and many things have been removed from the walls temporarily in preparation for painting.

Stewardship 12/14/2025	Dec. Off. Total:	\$8321.03
Offertory	\$2962.00	Cap. Imp. Total:
Capital Imp.	\$800.00	\$900.00
Online Giving	\$388.54	Dec. Total
		\$9221.03
		Dec. Op. Budget
		\$11,388.24

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: The tentative restart date for the class on the minor prophets is January 18, 2026.

2026 CALENDARS & ENVELOPES: This weekend, the 2026 Calendars and Contribution Envelopes will still be available for pick up. Those not picked up by Nativity will be mailed.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: We still have some lovely Byzantine-style Christmas cards available for purchase in the gift shop for those who are interested.

CLASS FOR NEW DADS: Fathers young (and old) are invited to join parishioner John Fuchko for a class after Divine Liturgy on January 18, January 25, and February 1. John will share perspectives grounded in our Catechism, Scripture, and in his own experience as a father of 12. Of course, no one is excluded from attending, but this class will be focused on young men adjusting to fatherhood or preparing to do so.

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 Appeal is giving to our parish! Anyone who has not received an envelope can pick one up in the narthex on the shelf next to the office door. **So far 11 families have donated a total of \$3,650!**

NEW SHED COMING SOON: In late January 2026, the new shed will be installed. The shed will eventually have electricity and will be climate controlled. This will help us store all of our decorations, lawn care equipment, and tools so that we can declutter the narthex and choir

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Sally Baer, Cathy Bowen, Paul Cincoski, Anna & Catherine Cospelich, Robert Scott DeBell, 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, 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.*

loft! In your offertory envelopes you should see Capital Improvement envelopes as well. Those can be used to give toward this and other improvement projects that we have coming over the next several months.

PHILIP'S FAST: According to the forty-day tradition, the Philip's Fast in preparation for Christmas began on November 15 and goes to Christmas Eve. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season (Canon 880, § 2). This fast **may be observed voluntarily**, partially or in its entirety. Christmas Eve has traditionally been a day of Strict Fast, meaning, abstinence from meat and dairy.

BYZIKIDS DECEMBER 2025 EDITION: From the 7 Days of Creation to the 7 Holy Sleepers, bake Seven Sleepers Pot Pies, sing joyfully in Choir Practice, and journey through the Nativity Fast as you discover how SEVEN reveals God's wonder and love. Scan the QR code below to open the digital version.



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

Jan. 4 January Picnic

Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book (Dec 20/21) 28th Sunday After Pentecost

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;
Tone 3 on p. 133

(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 See Handout
"Holy God": C p. 28
Prokeimenon & Alleluia: See Handout
Cherubikon: D p. 45
Creed: B p. 53
Triumphal Hymn: A p. 56
"We Praise You": D p. 59
"It is Truly Proper": p. 62
Our Father: Tone 3 p. 68
Communion Hymn: D p. 79 & Handout
"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
Panachida for the deceased: p. 432