



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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
- 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 Candlelight Procession of the Burial Shroud
10PM Guarding of the Tomb until 8AM Saturday
- Good Sat. Apr. 19** 8:00AM Guarding of the Tomb ends (traditionally a 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
(traditionally a day of fast (no meat), mitigation of wine)
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

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

Stewardship 04/06/2025	Capital Improvement	\$690	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$690	Total Apr.	\$5,847.32	
Offertory	\$2,291	Easter Flowers	\$100	Leat	\$	Apr. Op. Budget	\$16,541
Online Giving	\$2,766.32	Apr. Off. Total:	\$5,057.32	Easter Flowers	\$100		

***BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** On Friday March 28th Jake & Rebecca Stewart gave birth to their first child, James Dallas Stewart. Jake & Rebecca have been with us a few months now, having moved here from the state of Washington. May God grant to the Stewart family, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!

***CONDITIONAL ADULT BAPTISM:** This 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 set-up by Christ. May God grant him many happy years!

***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 SignUpGenius to reserve your hour. This is an excellent opportunity for private quiet prayer to contemplate the Mystery of Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection! An off-duty Roswell Police Officer will be on premises from 11PM-7AM for our safety.



2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: So far 21 families have donated a total of \$8,700 towards our goal of

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.*

\$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!

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.

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

- 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. 12/13 Palm Sunday

- Office of Christian Initiation Booklet
&
—Palm Sunday handout—
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(Sun) 1st & 2nd Antiphons: p. 235
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19
(Sun) 3rd Antiphon Entrance Hymn: p. 236
(Sun) Tropar. p. 236-7
"Holy God..." C p. 28
Cherubikon: D p. 45
Creed: B p. 52
Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 96
We Praise You...: D p. 59
Our Father: Tone 6 p. 71
Communion Hymn: D p. 79
"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:** Palm Sunday is technically outside of the Great Fast, which is why we celebrate the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, and no longer the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. We celebrate Jesus Christ entering into His city, Jerusalem, as the humble King, seated on a donkey, and being praised by the children, and we too join in with waving our palms branches and offering the greeting of Hosanna!

***BRIDEGROOM MATINS:** This is the first of the morning services in the Divine Office, and special for the first 3 days of Holy Week. On the days following His entry to Jerusalem, Christ spoke to His disciples in particular about the signs that will precede the Last Day (Matthew 24 and 25); and so this forms the theme of the first part of Holy Week.

***OFFICE OF HOLY OIL, SERVICE OF ANOINTING:** Usually, the Presanctified Divine Liturgy is celebrated this day with a “general anointing” of the faithful which is the Mystery of Holy Oil, or the Sacrament of Anointing. This Mystery is for the healing of both soul and body, and we celebrate this to fully prepare ourselves to celebrate Our Lord’s Resurrection in as pure a state as possible. However, if this Mystery is to be celebrated, then it should be celebrated in its entirety. We will not be having the Presanctified Divine Liturgy, but WILL be celebrating the Anointing. **It is imperative that all faithful who wish to be anointed engage with the Mystery of Repentance beforehand or immediately after;** either here at Epiphany, or at your local Catholic church.

***HOLY THURSDAY:** On this day, we celebrate the Vespers Basil Liturgy, in commemoration of the Last Supper and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. It is on this day in which the Eucharist in the Tabernacle is consumed, and the Eucharist to be in the Tabernacle for the coming year, is Consecrated and reserved, for taking to the ill and homebound. As Jesus said, He “shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I [He] drink[s] it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

This is the beginning of the Passion narrative.

***HOLY FRIDAY:** Passion Matins will read the 12 Gospels which tell of the entire Passion Narrative.

Entombment Vespers is usually celebrated at 3PM—the time Jesus died on the cross, but in our parish, we will celebrate it at 7PM and have a candlelit procession around the church with the Plaščanitzá, or Burial Shroud of Jesus, place it in the tomb, and we will each venerate His wounds on the Shroud.

***PASCHA!** As each service highlights a different element of Christ’s sacrifice, so too do each of the services for Pascha itself.

Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil: This is the solemn transition from dark to light, from the Burial Shroud being in the tomb, to being carried away and placed on the Altar in Heaven. We will proclaim the Resurrection Gospel, but Christ is Risen! is not proclaimed within this liturgy. We will however, proclaim Christ is Risen! during the Basket Blessing which follows.

Resurrection Matins: This will be the first service on Pascha Morning. We will process outside the church and proclaim the Resurrection Gospel outside of the closed church doors. We will then solemnly begin to sing Christ is Risen! in many different ways as we enter back into the church. This service is full of jubilation at praising Christ’s Resurrection and His trampling of death and its previous grip over humanity.

Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom: This will be the Eucharistic celebration of Christ’s Resurrection, as we will constantly and jubilantly sing Christ is Risen! throughout the service. The Gospel reading will be the beginning of the Book of St. John, where we hear about the Eternal Word and His Divine Light dispelling the darkness present in the world. The Basket blessing will follow these services.

PRAYERS FOR PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

During this glorious feast of Christ's Triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we focus on the recognition of the faithful God's chosen messenger, God's Son, the Messiah, and He is given praise and welcome.

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

Rejoice, O city of Zion, and dance with joy, O Church of God; for, behold, your King comes to you in meekness and humility; the children welcome Him and sing: Hosanna in the highest; blessed are You, O compassionate Lord; have mercy on us.

The Savior has come into the city of Jerusalem today to fulfill the Scriptures. The people spread their garments along the way; they carry palms and branches in their hands, recognizing that He is indeed our God. The Cherubim sing unceasingly to Him: Hosanna in the highest; blessed are You, O compassionate Lord; have mercy on us.

You are seated upon the throne of the Cherubim and are praised by the Seraphim; as David, You rode upon a donkey. The children praise You as God; the Pharisees blaspheme You unjustly; and your riding upon the colt symbolizes the conversion of the pagans. O only Lover of Mankind and compassionate Lord, glory to You.

Tone 6 Glory...now and ever: Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together; and taking up your Cross, we

all say; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest.

KONTAKION

In heaven You are carried upon a throne; on earth You rode upon a colt, O Christ our God. You received the praise of angels and the hymns of children crying out to You: Blessed is He who came to restore Adam.

IKOS OF MATINS

O immortal Lord, You have triumphed over Hades, trampled Death and raised the whole world. The children carrying branches praise your victory, O Christ, and they cry out to You today; Hosanna to the Son of David! No longer shall the children be slaughtered because of the Son of Mary; instead, You are crucified for the salvation of all, young and old alike. No longer shall the sword be drawn against us, for a lance shall pierce your side. Therefore, in joy we say; Blessed is He who comes to restore Adam.

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 (ALL DAYS OF THE FAST EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS)

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*)

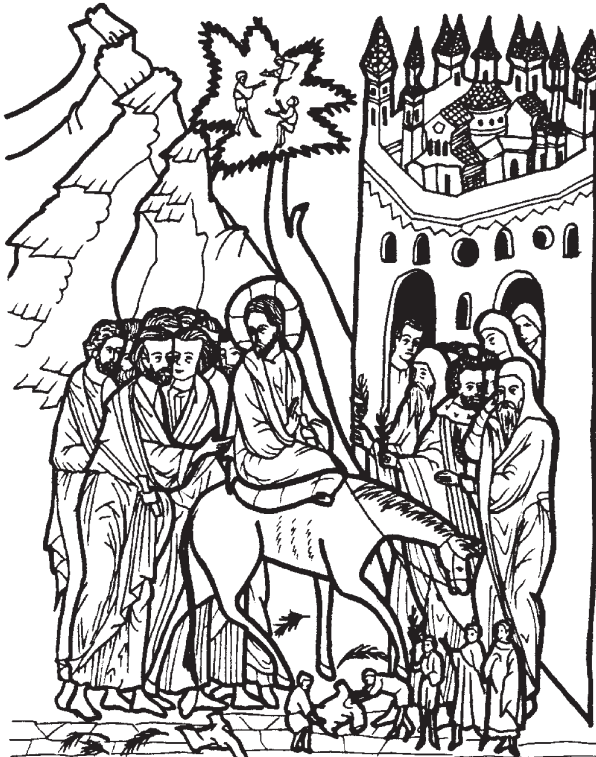
Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen. (*Prostration*)

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.



***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.

***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.”