



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; TONE 4; SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY; THE MEMORY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS

Saturday Feb 21 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for +Richard Murray by Lorri Murray
Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession

Sunday Feb 22 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32 - 12:2; Gospel: John 1:43-51
Sunday of Orthodoxy Icon Procession
11:45AM Adult Education on the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Lewis Rabayda

Wednesday Feb 25 **OUR HOLY FATHER TARASIVS, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE**
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED, NO MEAT)
7:00PM Great Compline

Friday Feb 20 **OUR VENERABLE FATHER & CONFESSOR PROCOPIUS THE DECAPOLITE**
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED, NO MEAT)
7:00PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for +Mary Ann Pinkney by Kerrie Pinkney
8:00PM Panachida for Second All Souls Saturday

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, GREGORY PALAMAS; TONE 5; THE VENERABLE MARTYR EUDOXIA; OUR HOLY FATHER DAVID, ENLIGHTENER OF WALES

Saturday Feb 28 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for +Daniel Cunningham by Jane Cunningham

Sunday March 1 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
11:45AM Adult Education on the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Lewis Rabayda

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

During the month of February, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for the repose of

+Mykola and +Maria Laschuk
by Michael & Irene Laschuk

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY ICON PROCESSION: This Sunday (and Saturday evening) after the Liturgy, we will process around the church with our personal icons in honor of the Seventh Ecumenical Council that rejected iconoclasm, in favor of venerating icons of our Lord and the Saints. Please bring your own icons from home to participate in the procession!

ALL SOULS: We prayed for everyone who was inscribed in our Dyptychs from last year at the First All Souls Saturday. The next All Souls Panachida will be on Friday, Feb. 27. The new deadline for submission of stipends and list updates will be Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Stewardship 02/15/2026	Feb. Off. Total:	\$9996.89
Offertory 22250.00	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$12925.00
Capital Imp. 175.00	Feb. Total	\$22,921.89
Online Giving 833.89	Feb. Op. Budget	\$11,977.24

CLASS ON THE DIVINE LITURGY: Fr. Lewis will teach a class on the Divine Liturgy after each Sunday of the Great Fast. The Liturgy is very rich in symbolism and meaning, and we will try to uncover many of its mysteries. As we have in the recent past, the classes will be streamed on our YouTube channel for those who are not able to be here in person.

THE GREAT FAST IS UPON US: *All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast—there is no alternative penance.* **In the bulletin schedule through the Great Fast period, you will see where the Ruthenian Metropolia prescribes a required STRICT FAST (from meat and dairy products), or SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (from meat).** Doing more than the legal minimum is encouraged, though not required.

THE GREAT FAST IS THE TIME FOR REPENTANCE: Prayer, fasting, & alms-giving are the main activities of our Lenten journey. However, part of our prayer is to acknowledge the sins we have committed and engage in active repentance. Active repentance is many things: feeling remorse for our sins; offering sacrifices and extra prayer to God as expiation; and actually utilizing the Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance, asking God for forgiveness of the sins we have committed. **In order to remain a Catholic in Good Standing, it is our obligation—and should be our desire—to go to the Mystery of Repentance at least once each year.**

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Sally Baer, Jane Berke Cathy Bowen, 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, Allyson Scalzi, 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.*

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! Please let us know if you need an envelope, we have them in the office. **So far 18 families have donated a total of \$6,775!**

PYSANKY WORKSHOP AT EPIPHANY: We will be holding our Pysanky Workshop here at Epiphany from 10AM-4PM on Saturday, February 28. If you do not have a kit from last year, please order a stylus for the class (or the full kit if you want to do it at home) from the website www.UkrainianGiftShop.com. There is a \$10 cover fee for the eggs, dye, wax, and other supplies used in the class. Please direct your questions to Irene Laschuk at laschuki@gmail.com



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

Feb 28	Pysanky Class
Apr 12	Thomas Sunday Picnic

Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book (Feb 21/22) First Sunday of the Great Fast

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;
 Tone 4 on p. 138

(Sun) 1st & 2nd Typical Psalms: p. 16
 (Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19
 (Sun) Beatitudes: p. 23
 (Sun) Entrance Hymn: A p. 25
 (Sun) Troparion & Kontakion: See Handout
 "Holy God": E p. 30
 Prokeimenon & Alleluia: See Handout
 Cherubikon: A p. 42
 Creed: B p. 53
Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great: p. 96
 Magnification & Irmos: p. 98
Preparation for Communion: p. 62
 Our Father: Tone 4 p. 69
 Communion Hymn: See 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

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

This week we will contemplate the prophets who foretold the Messiah. We also commemorate the restoration of the icons after a long period of iconoclasm, or icon smashing. The icons were triumphantly processed back into full veneration in the year 843.

THE USUAL BEGINNING PRAYERS

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*.

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: We who have turned away from the darkness of disbelief and have been enlightened by the light of knowledge, now sing our psalms of acclamation. May our praise and thanksgiving rise up to God! And let us bow with respect before the holy icons of Christ, the Mother of God and of all the saints. Let us reject the godlessness of those who do not follow the true faith. For Saint Basil has said: The veneration of icon passes over to the one who is represented. Through the intercession of your most pure Mother and all the saints, we implore You, O Christ, to grant us your great mercy.

Now and ever: We now behold a new wonder, greater 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.

IKOS OF MATINS

The mystery of our salvation was announced in times of old by the divinely inspired prophets. They foretold this illumination for us who have come to these last days. Through this we come to the knowledge of God, one God and Lord, glorified in three Persons, the only One whom we serve. Having one faith and one baptism, we have been clothed with Christ. May we, who believe in salvation, clothe ourselves in the same image both in word and deed.

HYMN OF LIGHT OF MATINS

Glory: Let us exult in joy and clap our hands, and in joy, let us sing: How wonderful are your works, O Christ! Who can tell of our power, O Lord? For You gather your Church in peace and harmony.

Now and ever: The sword of heresy has disappeared and its memory has vanished; and when we see your temple, O Mother of God, adorned with the grace of the venerated icons, we are filled with joy and delight.

AT THE PRAISES

Tone 4: The Church now rejoices in You, O Lord and Lover of Mankind, its Spouse and Creator; for You have saved it from the deceit of idols by your divine will and united it to You by your precious blood. Your Church accepts the restoration of the holy icons and praises and glorifies your name. Exposing your bodily image for veneration, O Lord, we proclaim the great mystery of your work of salvation. O Christ and Lover of Mankind, You have been shown to our eyes, not merely as an appearance as the Manichaeans falsely believe, but in the reality of the flesh, whose nature brings us to your love.

Today is a day of joy and gladness, for the truth shines brightly. The Church of Christ is resplendent with the brilliance of the holy icons that have been restored, and peace reigns among the faithful.

Tone 6 Glory: Moses received the Law while fasting; Elijah, by fasting, closed the heavens; and the three holy children of Abraham were victorious over the evil tyrant through their abstinence. By fasting, grant that we may partake in your Resurrection, as we sing aloud, O God and Savior: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

Now and ever: You are truly most blessed, O virgin Mother of God. 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!

Glorify, Now and ever: You are truly most blessed, O virgin Mother of God. 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 (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.

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love.

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*)

THE DISMISSAL

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.

More honorable than the Cherubim,
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,
who, a virgin, gave birth to God, the Word;
you, truly the Theotokos, we magnify.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy *on* us.

Amen.