

## Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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### —Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS; TONE 2; THE HOLY MARTYRS THRYSUS, LEUCAS, PHILEMON, APPOLONIUS, & CALLINICUS; THE HOLY PRIEST AND ASCETIC FATHER NIMATULLA AL HARDINI

Saturday Dec 13 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Health and Healing of Anonymous by Kerrie Pinkney

Sunday Dec 14 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)

10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11; Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Tuesday Dec 16 The Holy Prophet Haggai

7:00PM Emmanuel Moleben

Wednesday Dec 17 The Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Children

7:00PM Divine Liturgy for All Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Bragg Family

Thursday Dec 18 The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions

7:00PM Emmanuel Moleben

Friday Dec 19 The Holy Martyr Boniface (Simple Abstinence from Meat)

7PM Office of Holy Oil —NOT AT EPIPHANY
At St. John Chrysostom Melikite Catholic Church
1428 Ponce de Leon AVE NE, Atlanta GA 30307

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

\*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





 Stewardship 12/07/2025
 Dec. Off. Total:
 \$4970.49

 Offertory
 \$3651.00
 Cap. Imp. Total:
 \$100.00

 Capital Imp.
 \$100.00
 Dec. Total
 \$5070.49

 Online Giving
 \$1319.49
 Dec. Op. Budget
 \$11,388.24

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

**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 with your phone's camera to access this month's issue.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** We have some lovely Byzantinestyle Christmas cards available for purchase in the gift shop for those who are interested.

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

**2026 ALTAR LAMP MEMORIALS:** All months have been filled for the 2026 Altar Lamp Memorials!

OFFICE OF HOLY OIL (ANOINTING): As we have done in the past year, we will again join our two Atlanta Byzantine Parishes to celebrate the Office of Holy Oil (Anointing of the Sick) for this fasting period, The Phillip's Fast. This time, we will join St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church at 1428 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA, at 7PM on Friday, December 19.

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 \$3,550!

**NEW SHED COMING SOON:** In the next couple of months we are having a new shed installed at the back of the property. This will help us store all of our decorations, lawn care equipment, and tools so we can declutter the narthex and choir 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.

**Log PILE AND CONSTRUCTION CAUTION:** Please keep distance away from the log pile at the back of the parish property and the equipment nearby. The logs are precarious and not suitable for climbing or playing. There may also be sharp and dangerous tools nearby.

PHILIP'S FAST: According to the forty-day tradition, the Philip's Fast in preparation for Christmas began on Saturday 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.

#### 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, 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.

### 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.



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#### **Upcoming Social Events**

Jan. 4 January Picnic

# Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book (Dec 13/14) 27th Sunday After Pentecost

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104; Tone 2 on p. 128

(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": B p. 28 Prokeimenon & Alleluia: See Handout Cherubikon: D p. 45 Creed: B p. 53 Triumphal Hymn: C p. 57 "We Praise You": D p. 59 "It is Truly Proper": p. 62 Our Father: Tone 2 p. 67 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