



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS; *Tone 5*

Saturday Dec. 14 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Patricia Reidy, Martha Rini, & +Mary Lou Rini by Antonia Reidy
6:45PM Panachida for the repose of +John Dunlop by Sandra Malakauskas

Sunday Dec. 15 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 (29th) Luke 14:16-24 (28th)
11:15AM Panachida for the repose of +Dr. Joseph James Regan by Ralph Regan
11:45AM Adult Education

Tuesday Dec. 17 **THE HOLY PROPHET DANIEL AND THE THREE HOLY CHILDREN: HANNANIAH, AZARIAH, & MISHAEL**
7:00PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Nicholas Leachman by Kerrie Pinkney

Thursday Dec. 19 **THE HOLY MARTYR BONIFACE**
7:00PM Emmanuel Moleben for the Phillips Fast (6)

Friday Dec. 20 **PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS; THE HOLY MARTYR IGNATIUS THE GOD-BEARER**
(simple abstinence from meat)
NOT EPIPHANY—7PM Office of Holy Oil at St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS; SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS; *Tone 6*

Saturday Dec. 21 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Laura Danbom by Victor & Becky Cole with Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessing

Sunday Dec. 22 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Matthew 1:1-25
with Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessing
11:45AM Adult Education

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

Stewardship 12/08/2024	Dec. Off. Total: \$6,439.45
Offertory \$1,693	Cap. Imp. Total: \$465
Online Giving \$2,698.45	Phillips Fast \$00
Capital Improvement \$200	Christmas Flowers \$85
Christmas Flowers \$85	Thanksgiving \$50
Retired Religious \$10	Total Dec. \$6,904.45
Arch. Military \$00	Dec. Op. Budget \$10,585

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

***EXTERIOR LIGHTING UPDATE:** Now that the landscape lighting around the church was been repaired, we have been scheduled to have parking areas, and walkway areas illuminated as well. Our landscape lighting company will be back on Monday, Dec. 23, to install the second phase of lights.

The third phase of landscape lighting will probably be installed next month. This will replace the lights on our Church street sign, add lighting for some trees on each side of our driveway, down lighting onto the driveway entrance, and lights onto our flags.

The electricity to our sign will be reconnected this week. You may have noticed the old post had rotted away, and has since been replaced with all new equipment.

***NOW ACCEPTING ALTAR LAMP MEMORIAL DONATIONS:** We are now accepting Altar Lamp memorial donations for the months of 2025. The suggested offering is \$50 and may be for living, deceased, or both. Remaining Months are: April, August, October, & November.

***Service of Anointing:** The Church suggests Fasting periods so we can prepare ourselves to joyfully celebrate the Feast we are anticipating. Fasting, Almsgiving, and Penance are the three pillars of these days. Fr. Lewis is available at the scheduled times, as well as by appointment for the Mystery of Repentance.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Patricia Rabayda, Tim Watson, Susan Russo, 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, Suzanne Pichnarcik, 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.*

Often in our tradition, the Service of Anointing or the Office of Holy Oil is suggested as well. We do this in our parish every Holy Wednesday, to further cleanse ourselves of any sins and to ask God to heal us of our spiritual and bodily illnesses. Confession needs to be completed in close proximity to the Anointing; either before or soon after.

Again, our friends at St. John Chrysostom Melkite Catholic Church—1428 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307—have invited us to join them in the Service of Anointing on Friday night, Dec. 20 at 7PM. Confession will be available both before and afterwards. Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church clergy and parishioners will be in attendance as well.

2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL BEGINS: The Eparchy of Passaic's annual appeal begins this week. Our goal is the same as last year, \$10,800, and 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!

2024 St. Nicholas Event: Thank you so much to everyone who made this year's Saint Nicholas event a wonderful success!

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

- Jan. 5 Theophany Picnic & Great Blessing of Water
July 16 2025 Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan
Assembly, Whiting, Indiana



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Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book Dec 14/15 Sunday of the Forefathers

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104
Propers Tone 5: p. 143

- (Sun) 1st & 2nd Typical Psalm: A p. 16
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: Ap. 18
(Sun) Beatitudes: p. 23
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: p. 25
(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion T5 p. 146 & handout or p. 281
"Holy God..." C p. 28
Cherubikon: D p. 45
Creed: B p. 53
Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 56
We Praise You...: D p. 59
Our Father: Tone 5 p. 70
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
Panachida for the deceased: p. 432



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



— Schedule of Divine Services —

CHRISTMAS, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Tuesday Dec 24	10AM	Royal Hours for the Nativity (120 minute service)
	7:30PM	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Mirovanjia for the repose of +Fr. Phillip O'Donnell by Victor & Becky Cole (live streamed) Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12 & Gospel: Luke 2:1-20
	9:30PM	Great Compline with Litija (live streamed)
Wednesday Dec 25	9-9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance*
	10AM	Divine Liturgy with Mirovanjia for the faithful of Epiphany Parish Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
Thursday Dec 26		SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS (Solemn Holyday) AP51
	12NOON	Divine Liturgy for the Conversion of Tammy Suzanna Martinez by Juan Orengo-Dueno
Friday Dec 27		THE HOLY APOSTLE, FIRST MARTYR & ARCHDEACON STEPHEN (Simple Holyday—no Fasting) AP52
	7PM	Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Joshua Jarrell by K. Howard

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ROYAL HOURS FOR THE NATIVITY: In the Byzantine tradition, December 24 (the vigil of Christmas) and January 5 (the vigil of Theophany) are days of strict fasting. On these days a special form of the daytime Hours is celebrated, with additional hymns and readings.

These services are called the Royal Hours, and are ordinarily celebrated together at some convenient time. (The Typikon prescribes that they be celebrated at 8 AM.) The service of Typika, which is served on days when the Divine Liturgy cannot be celebrated, is added at the end.

Note that if December 24 or January 5 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the fast and the celebration of the Royal Hours are moved to the preceding Friday, since Saturday and Sunday are never days of fasting in the Byzantine tradition.

COMPLINE OF CHRISTMAS EVE: In the tradition of the Byzantine Rite, the night-time vigil for the feast of the Nativity consists of :

- the service of Great Compline
- the litija procession, with prayers for the world
- the service of Matins, with the Gospel of the Nativity, and the Great Doxology which begins with the words of the angels, announcing the birth of our Lord and Savior in Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest!"

However, if the Vigil Divine Liturgy is celebrated as it will be in our parish, then technically speaking, we would not end the Divine Liturgy, but would go directly into Great Compline. However, for pastoral reasons, we will have a short break, and those who wish to return to their homes may do so, and those who wish to pray the beautiful Compline, will remain.