



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (Tone 4)

Saturday June 23 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy For a special intention

Sunday June 24 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy For the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistles: Romans 10:1-10 & Romans 13:11-14:4;
Gospels: Matthew 8:28-91 & Luke 1:25-57, 68-76, 80

THE HOLY, GLORIOUS, AND ILLUSTRIOUS PREEMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL (Holyday of Obligation)

Thursday June 28 7:30PM Great Vespers with Litija

Friday June 29 6:30–7PM Mystery of Repentance*
7:30PM Divine Liturgy For the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
(Holyday of Obligation—and simple abstinence from meat)

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—THE HOLY UNMERCENARY HEALERS COSMAS AND DAMIAN (Tone 5)

Saturday June 30 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy For a special intention

Sunday July 1 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy For the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Romans 12:6-14; Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment or before and after weekday services

**During the month of June, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle
In memory of Sharon Emich by Michael and Irene Laschuk**

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Dan Cunningham, Shirley Spontak and Cameron Fradd. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from this prayer list.

PARISH FOUNDER +ANDREW (ANDY) MARTIN REPOSES

IN THE LORD: It is with great sadness that we inform you of the Falling Asleep of +Andrew Martin. Fr. Lewis was able to

see him and offer the Office of Holy Oil (Anointing) as well as the Apostolic Blessing. The family has not yet made funeral arrangements, but as soon as they are made known, we will inform the parish via email. May God grant to His servant +Andrew Eternal Rest! Vičnaja Pamjat!

THEOSIS IN ACTION: The Eparchy of Passaic has begun a new Young Adult ministry titled “Theosis in Action.” The mission of this new ministry is “to serve Byzantine Catholic young adults from the Eparchy of Passaic and beyond as well as inquirers of goodwill by providing them with resources to grow in their

faith and opportunities for fellowship as they navigate through adulthood.” Through social media and in-person events, Theosis in Action will help young adults spread the light of Christ in this secular world, inspiring this generation to learn about, defend, and proclaim their faith. The facebook page is: www.facebook.com/theosisinaction and the organization is headed by two young adults within the eparchy: Christopher Russo and Adriana Shubeck, both of whom are the children of deacons serving in our eparchy.



BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY 2018: The 2018 Intereparchial ByzanTeen Youth Rally will be July 5-8 at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. The theme is “Who is my Neighbor?” All teens who have not reached the age of 18 by July 10th are encouraged to participate. This is always a fun time to meet other Byzantine Catholics from all around the country and to grow in our faith.

ALTAR SERVER CAMP: The details are not yet available, but the camp is open to all altar servers and will be from August 4-8. The camp is a great time to spend with other altar servers from very young to age 17. It is held at the Carpathian Village in Canadensis, PA.

JULY 14 NO SATURDAY LITURGY: Due to a previous commitment of Fr. Lewis, we will not be able to have Divine Liturgy on Saturday, July 14. Fr. Lewis will be celebrating a Crowning in Marriage at his previous parish in Beltsville, Maryland. Thank you very much for understanding.

FR. DEACON JAMES' THANK YOU: “To the parishioners of Epiphany. I want to thank all of you for your support the last 2 years while I was the administrator. Your help was invaluable & your enthusiasm for Epiphany was infectious. I love all of you & you will be in my prayers as I continue to serve you as your deacon. Yours in Christ, Fr. Dcn James.”

And Fr. Lewis would like to thank Fr. Deacon James for his excellent administration of the parish these past two years. He has done a wonderful job of taking care of the faithful and the temporal needs of the buildings and grounds. May God bless you abundantly for your hard work and sacrifice!

THE APOSTLES FAST: The Apostles Fast is one of the four fasting periods of our church year. This fast leads up to the Holyday of Obligation that is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29. The fast began on Monday, May 28 and may be followed according to usual stricter fasting rules similar to the Great Fast. However, **this fast is voluntary** for those

in the Metropolia of Pittsburgh. And even though the major Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is on a Friday, we are still obliged to fast from meat on this day.

WEEKDAY SERVICES: It is Fr. Lewis' intension to begin having a variety of services during the week. However, he will need more time to settle in since the rectory will not be completed until the end of July. After the rectory is complete, and he has been able to settle into his life there and to create a functioning parish office, we will then begin to add services. Fr. Lewis thanks you for your patience.

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION AND GREAT VESPERS:

Throughout the year there are feasts which commemorate essential events in the life of Christ, His Mother the Most Holy Theotokos, and the Saints. Celebrating these feasts reminds us of the important events which brought this knowledge of salvation to us today. We should not look at these days as a burden because we are obliged to make every effort to attend the Divine Liturgy, but we should look towards these days as a opportunities to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and to receive Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ Bodily in the form of the Most Holy Eucharist. It is this action and reception which continues to sanctify us and to confirm the gift of salvation that we have been given and have willfully accepted.

The celebration of Great Vespers helps us to better understand the details of the feast. Great Vespers is just one of many possible services prayed throughout the day in a collection known as The Divine Office. These services are: Vespers, Compline, Midnight Office, Matins, First Hour, Third Hour, Sixth Hour, and the Ninth Hour. This is the cycle of daily services that monks and nuns would keep in a monastery, but we can also pray them in the parish setting. By praying these services, we are better prepared for the splendor that is the Divine Liturgy. However, please keep in mind, that attending Great Vespers will not satisfy one's feast day obligation.

HAMBURGER SUNDAY: Following the 10:00AM Divine Liturgy on July 22, the parish is invited to stay for fellowship and a hamburger, hang out a bit, get to know Father Lewis, and enjoy lunch on us. The parish will provide hamburgers, chips, cookie, and a drink. Parishioners may bring sides or deserts if so inclined. Volunteers are needed for some quick table and chair setup. See Reader John or Mike Madrigal for details.

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

June 29 Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
—Holyday of Obligation

July 5-8 ByzanTeen Youth Rally 2018
—Latrobe, PA

July 14 No Saturday Divine Liturgy
—Fr. Lewis will be away to celebrate a
Crowning in Marriage at his former parish

July 22 Hamburger Sunday! Enjoy lunch and get
to know Fr. Lewis

Aug. 4-8 Altar Server Camp at the Carpathian
Village in Canadensis, PA

RECTORY RENOVATIONS DONATIONS:

Goal \$40,000

Offered to date: \$26,407

Balance to goal: \$13,593

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity!