



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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

Friday July 6 Simple abstinence from meat, or *equivalent* penance

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—THE HOLY AND GREAT MARTYR PROCOPIUS (Tone 6)

Saturday July 7 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy For a special intention

Sunday July 8 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy For the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Romans 15:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

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

During the month of July, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle
In memory of +Michael Tisma by Fr. Dcn. Michael Tisma

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.

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.

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.

ALTAR SERVER CAMP: Yes, Pennsylvania is far away, but the Altar Server Camp is a wonderful experience. If anyone is interested, please let Fr. Lewis know, and he can get you information. 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.

HOLYDAYS 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

Stewardship 06/03/2018

Offertory \$3,035

Stewardship 06/10/2018

Offertory \$2,032

Stewardship 06/17/2018

Offertory \$1,800

Stewardship 06/24/2018

Offertory \$1,575

Total June: \$8,442.00

the Saints. These feasts are classified in three tiers: **Simple**, **Solemn**, and **Obligation**. A faithful Catholic in Good Standing is expected to attend the Divine Liturgy on all days of Obligation—Sunday being a day of obligation as well. Solemn, and Simple feast days are not required attendance but their celebration is highly encouraged. These are all feast days on which Litija is celebrated along with the Mirovanija anointing with blessed oil.

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

- 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: \$41,067!!!

The incredible generosity you have all shown is overwhelming and ultimately humbling. It is a sign of your deep faith in Jesus Christ and the Church He established. It is also a sign of your faith in the saving effects of the Sacraments. Because without a priest, the faithful will not have access to these methods of healing that bring us closer to God and to His Kingdom. I know that God will bless all those who have given so freely, and will bless our parish for your collective sacrifice. May God grant to all of our parish; peace, health and happiness for many blessed years!
Mnohaja Lita!

BABA'S KITCHEN: A Taste of the Old Country. Be sure to stop by Baba's Kitchen in the narthex after Liturgy for some of our newly arrived assorted pieroghi or nut and poppy seed rolls. No matter what time of year, these old



world delights are always in season! All proceeds go toward the maintenance fund of the church. Be sure to tell all your friends about Baba's Kitchen and let's raise the roof!

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.



A JULY 4TH PRAYER FOR AMERICA

from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.