



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## —Schedule of Divine Services—

### 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—THE CONCEPTION OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN (Tone 1)

**Saturday Sept. 22** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Divine Liturgy For a special intention

**Sunday Sept. 23** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy For the Faithful of Epiphany Parish  
Epistle: 2Cor. 9:6-11 & Gal. 4:22-31; Luke 5:1-11 & Luke 1:5-25

**Friday Sept. 28** THE VENERABLE CONFESSOR CHARITON (simple abstinence from meat)

### 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—THE HOLY MARTYR GREGORY, BISHOP OF ARMENIA (Tone 2)

**Saturday Sept. 29** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Divine Liturgy For a special intention

**Sunday Sept. 30** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy For the Faithful of Epiphany Parish  
Epistle: 2Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Luke 6:31-36

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

During the month of September, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle  
In memory of +John and Mary Evanco (parents) by Carol Evanco

**LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Those who are ill or convalescing: Dan Cunningham, and Shirley Spontak. 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.

**AD FOR CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE:** Roswell family still needs help assisting mom and toddler making meals from 7 a.m.-10am., M-Th. Also need help with driving short distances. Any help is appreciated. Will pay \$15/hour. Please contact Lisa Marks, 404-754-3793.

**FR. LEWIS TO ATTEND EPARCHIAL PRIEST RETREAT:** Fr. Lewis will be away this week to attend the annual retreat for the priests of the Eparchy of Passaic. This retreat is in New

Jersey. So there will not be any services during the weekdays until Monday, October 1. The office will still be open from Monday through Wednesday from 10AM until 3PM.

**FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION:** Please note that we will not have Divine Liturgy on the Saturday evening of October 6. We invite all to participate in the annual Founder's Day Celebration. We will have an old-fashioned American picnic under a tent on the front lawn with fun and games for our families and children. There will also be a special service after the picnic to conclude the day. Please join us as we celebrate 41 years as a parish!

Parish cleanup day will be Saturday, September 29. All who are willing and able are invited to assist us in cleaning up the grounds so that everything is in good order for our Founder's Day celebration. We will also have a setup day on Saturday,

Stewardship 09/02/2018      Stewardship 09/16/2018  
Offertory      \$1,904.00      Offertory      \$1,372.00  
Stewardship 09/09/2018      **Total August:      \$6,184.00**  
Offertory      \$2,908.00

October 6 to set up what we need for the celebration. Please see Subdeacon John Reed for volunteering.

**DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR THE DECEASED:** In the Slavic churches it is customary to offer the Divine Liturgy for the specific intention of forgiving the sins of the deceased, or a Panachida for Holydays of Obligation. The usual intervals for these intentions are: the initial funeral and internment, the ninth day after death, the 40th day after death, and the yearly anniversary of death. The Eparchy of Passaic has stated in its handbook that \$15 is the recommended stipend for such a liturgy, panachida, or moleben for the living.

**NEW PRAYER BOOK FOR SALE:** Many parishioners have been requesting a good prayer book to use. Our own Metropolia has not updated the *Byzantine Book of Prayer* and is now out of print. The best book we found is from the Melkite Eparchy of Newton and is an excellent source of Eastern Catholicism. The petitions for the living are included in this bulletin as a sample and suggested addition to our daily prayers. It is most important at any time, but especially this time in church history to pray for the entire church as well as the entire world.

Thank you again for your generosity! A thank you letter went out this week to the families that have donated so generously to the rectory renovation fund. Together, 32 families have donated a total of \$50,056! A total of \$59,946 was needed to complete all of the repairs from the roof shingles, to cabinets and appliances, to furniture, to classroom remediation, and to landscaping. Because of your immense generosity, the existing parish funds were barely needed. However, there were

## UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Sept. 29 Parish Cleanup Day
- Oct. 1 Protection of the Theotokos (solemn holy day)
- Oct. 6 **No Saturday Divine Liturgy**, all are invited to attend the Founder's Day celebration  
**Set-up day** for Founder's Day
- Oct. 7 Founder's Day celebration and picnic
- Oct. 14 Adult Education Class "Pillars of Byzantine Spirituality" begins in the Church
- Nov. 2-4 Come and See retreat at Seminary in Pittsburgh

some cash donations with no names attached—we thank you as well for all of your generosity towards the temporal needs of God's church! As it says in today's letter to the Galatians, "God loves a cheerful giver."

**THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT GEORGE:** Please see the insert for details. Some parishioners are interested in starting this excellent program in our parish. Please consider if this is something that God is calling you to participate in. It will be helpful for both fathers and sons to bond through their Catholic faith and through learning important wilderness skills.

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND OF RETREAT IN PITTSBURGH:** Discover God's game plan at "Come and See" Men 18-35 invited to weekend retreat at Seminary Friday, November 2 to Sunday, November 4, 2018

To be a priest ... don't you have to give up everything - your family, your friends, the things you enjoy? Don't you have to be super holy, super smart, or somehow "different?" "Come and see" if this is the case!

Every young man eventually has to make some hard decisions - college, career, marriage, family, religious life. How do I know what's right? Does God care what I decide? If you've

## —Definitions—

**Alleluia:** A Hebrew word meaning 'indeed, verily, truly, so be it,' which has remained untranslated in Christian texts, hymns and prayers in all languages.

**Cosmos:** The universe as an ordered whole. The primary meaning of cosmos in Greek is 'ordered' or 'arranged' and it also has the meaning of an 'adornment,' an 'ornament.'

Definitions taken from: The Divine Liturgy: A commentary in the light of the fathers, by Hieromonk Gregorios, The Cell of ST John the Theologian Koutloumousiou Monastery, Mount Athos, 2012

ever thought about the priesthood, it's worth taking a weekend to learn how to listen for God's plans for your future.

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from Friday evening, November 2 through Sunday afternoon, November 4, 2018 at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion.

The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal.

Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his vocation director and use the online registration at [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu). Deadline for registrations is October 10, 2018.