



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—OUR VENERABLE FATHER PAPATIUS (Tone 4)

Saturday Dec. 8 NO DIVINE LITURGY
Sunday Dec. 9 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16; Luke 17:12-19
11:45AM Saint Nicholas Luncheon and Celebration

Monday Dec. 10 THE HOLY MARTYRS MENAS, HERMOGENES, AND EUGRAPHUS
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for the health of Patricia Rabayda by Fr. Lewis

Tuesday Dec. 11 OUR VENERABLE FATHER DANIEL THE STYLITE
7:30PM Emmanuel Moleben for the Nativity Fast

Wednesday Dec. 12 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (mitigation of fasting)
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for +Daniel Rabayda by Fr. Lewis

Friday Dec. 14 THE APOSTLE ANDREW (simple abstinence from meat)

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS, AND THE HOLY PROPHET HAGGAI (Tone 5)

Saturday Dec. 15 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for +Maria Laschuk by Irene & Michael Lashuk
Sunday Dec. 16 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

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

During the month of December, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle
In memory of + Harry, Fred, and Helen Rapach by Randy and Karen Rapach

**HOLIDAY
SALE! SALE! SALE!**



Peroghi \$5/doz
Nut & Poppyseed Rolls \$10/roll



Stewardship 12/2/2018 **Total Dec: \$1,925.00**
Offertory \$1,925.00 December budget: \$9,389

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

2018 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: The new Bishop's Appeal has already begun. As stated in the packet, this drive is the major source of funds that help to sustain the Eparchy's many projects that help to build-up our churches—seminary expenses being one of them. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to the Eparchy because whatever our parish donates over our goal of \$10,800, we will receive a 40% rebate of that amount. **So far 7 families have donated a total of \$2,175.00!** It is suggested that if each family donates \$200, then we will reach our goal. Please remember that checks are to be made out to the **Eparchy of Passaic**, and not to the parish. Extra pledge forms are available in the narthex.

SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: Thank so you much to all who have labored to make this year's Saint Nicholas celebration such a great success! May God bless you for your efforts!

ALITURGICAL DAYS DURING FASTING PERIODS: During fasting periods it is customary for weekdays to be aliturgical, meaning that the Divine Liturgy is specifically not to be celebrated. This is why the daily liturgical schedule for the Phillips Fast is not the same every week.

NATIVITY ICON GREETING CARDS FOR SALE: We are now offering Nativity Icon Greetings cards in packs of 15 for \$15. They are very beautiful and will brighten up anyone's celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. We also have Icon calendars for 2019 for \$15.

THE PHILLIPS FAST: Please remember we are preparing ourselves to properly celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ on December 25th. This time of preparation in the Byzantine Church is known as the Phillips Fast. During this time we will pray the Emmanuel Moleben once a week. This service helps us to prepare ourselves to experience the great joy of welcoming the Creator of the Universe to becoming one of His own to bring about for us eternal salvation. We are also asked to deepen our personal fasting regimen. There are charts in the narthex to make it

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 18 Final Emmanuel Moleben to be celebrated solemnly in the main church
Dec. 24 9AM—Royal Hours of the Nativity
7:30PM—Great Compline for the Nativity and Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Dec. 25 10AM—Nativity Divine Liturgy

easier for one to apply a more strict fasting regimen during this time. The one rule of Byzantine liturgy and spirituality is that nothing should ever be taken away, but we can only add to what we have been given. Please consider adding more fasting, almsgiving, and prayer to your preparation for the Nativity.

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AND THE FAST: Catholics are required to confess grave or mortal sins at least once a year, and should also not approach the Eucharist in the state of mortal sin. However, monthly confession is suggested even for those who only have venial sins. The Church suggests that fasting periods are an appropriate time to repent and ask for forgiveness so that the anticipated Feast can be solemnly celebrated and that all may receive the Eucharist. Booklets are available for free so that all can make a proper examination of conscience to discern whether or not serious sins have been committed.

Saint Paul tell us in his first letter to the Corinthians, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks **without discerning the body** eats and drinks judgment upon himself." (1Cor. 11:27-29)

GET WELL CARDS: Some parishioners have asked if they could send my mother get well cards. I am humbled at their generosity and affection and have supplied her current address.

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