

Catholic Apologetics — Clergy Vestments (Week 6 of 7)
(D - deacon, P - priest, & B - bishop)

Epigonation (P, B)

The epigonation (Greek: “over the knee”) is a diamond-shaped vestment worn over the right knee of priests and bishops. In Byzantine tradition, priests are awarded the epigonation upon elevation to the rank of confessor. The epigonation represents a shield, originating from the thigh shield worn by soldiers during the days of the early church. The epigonation symbolizes two things. First, it denotes the celebrant as a “soldier” of Christ. And second, it symbolizes the “sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God” (Ephesians 6:17) – the wearer’s defending of the faith by smiting all that is impure and vicious.

Miter (B and special P)

The miter, (Greek: “headband”) is a vestment worn on the heads of bishops as part of their ceremonial dress. In present times, this vestment is fashioned after the imperial crown of the late Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire. It is shaped like a bulbous crown. Miters are constructed of various materials (i.e. brocade, damask, gold cloth), and in many cases, are decorated with jewels and embroidery. While they come in gold most of the time, miters do come in other liturgical colors. Additionally, there are four icons attached to the head covering. These are icons of Jesus Christ, the Theotokos, John the Baptist, and the Cross. Atop the crown is a cross, usually upright for a bishop and lying flat for priests. The wearing of the miter is usually exclusive to bishops, but it may also be awarded to archpriests, protopresbyters, and archimandrites.

Panagia (B)

Panagia (Greek: “All-Holy”) is a title given to the Virgin Mary in Orthodox and Byzantine Tradition. This same word also refers to the medallion worn by bishops that bears the icon of the All-Holy Theotokos. The panagia is usually oval in shape and crowned with a depiction of a miter. Whenever a bishop vests for the Divine Liturgy or another service, he wears a panagia and a pectoral cross over his other vestments. Sometimes, bishops may wear a panagia which is either square or shaped like a double-headed eagle. This is especially true of bishops of the Greek tradition.



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Our Weekly Bulletin



100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.
574 days or 82 weeks

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
 Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Mar 9	Sunday of Orthodoxy	✠ Anna & John Olexo
Mar 10	No Liturgy	
Mar 11	No Liturgy	
Mar 12	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - Northern Cambria	5:00PM 
Mar 13	No Liturgy	
Mar 14	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - Revloc	3:30PM 
Mar 15	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Mar 16	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	✠ Mary Ann Robatin

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

First Sunday of the Great Fast - Sunday of Orthodoxy

Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40;12:1-2

John 1:43-51

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1)

Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind.

Troparion of Lent (Tone 2)

We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord, and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy. In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: by coming to save the world, our Savior, You filled all things with joy.

Kondakion of Lent (Tone 8)

Glory be... The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed when He took flesh of You, O Mother of God; and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory, He suffered it with the beauty of God. Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word, we portray it in images.

Prokeimen of Lent (Tone 4)

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse Moses and Aaron are among His priests
and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

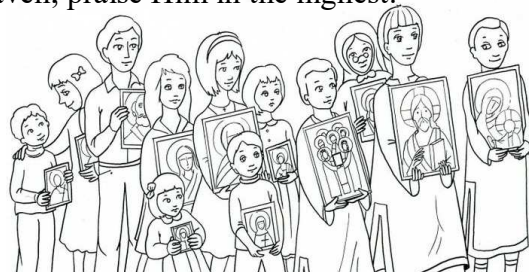
Verse They call on the Lord, and He heard them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Turn to page 274 to page 295 for St Basil's Liturgy in the blue book.
After the Hymn to the Mother of God, turn to page 153 in the blue book.*

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest.



Weekly Collection - March 2, 2025 - \$166.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$85.00 Candles - \$5.00 Dues - \$30.00 Misc. - \$46.00

PARISH NEWS

Saturdays with Jesus - May 10, 2025

Adult Catechism 10 to 12

Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM

March Events

March 22 & 29 - Our annual Pysanky Class from 9 to 12. Spread the word to your friends.

Pyrohi - Pyrohi are available for purchase.

Presanctified Gifts - Wednesdays at 5:00PM Northern Cambria Fridays at 3:30 PM Revloc
Easter Bake Sale - Our parish will be baking Paskas and nut roll, apricot roll, and poppyseed rolls. Please spread the word to everyone that you know. These fundraisers help with the budget.

Thank You - Thank you to the anonymous donor of the \$1,000.00 for gold needed to fix the dome.

Future Repairs - Anyone wishing to donate toward the future repairs, place your donation in the basket. Write on the envelope for where you wish it to be used.

Prayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.



Joke of the Day

Since I was a new patient, I had to fill out an information form for the doctor's files. The nurse reading it over noticed my unusual name. "How do you pronounce it?" she asked. "Na-le-Y-ko," I said, proud of my Ukrainian heritage. "That sounds really nice," she said, smiling. "Yes, it is melodious," I agreed. "So," she asked sweetly, "what part of Melodia is your family from?"