



# *Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church*

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## The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2016

**Welcome Father Lewis!** Epiphany welcomes Father Lewis Rabayda to our parish. He will be with us for the month of July during Father Philip's absence. Father Lewis was ordained a priest for our Eparchy on January 30, 2016. He is on staff for our *Eastern Catholic Life* as well as being a regular contributor for his "Spiritual Reflections" each month; he has been assigned to Saint Gregory of Nyssa in Beltsville, Maryland at the end of this month. Father Lewis will be here for all Divine Liturgies and sacraments, including Reconciliation (Confession) and Healing and Anointing of the Sick. He will hear confessions on Saturday from 4:30 – 5:00 pm and on Sunday from 9:00 – 9:30 am or anytime in the case of emergency. If you would like Father to visit or anoint anyone who is sick or in need of the sacraments, please let Father Deacon James or Father Deacon Michael know and they will arrange with Father Lewis to set up a time.

**Parish Administrator.** Due to Father Scott's recent accident and upcoming retirement, Bishop Kurt has appointed Father Deacon James as the interim parish administrator. He will be responsible for the oversight and maintenance of the property, the parish finances, and the general administration of the parish. Should there be any questions or needs you can reach him at (404) 227-5401. Please keep Deacon James in your prayers as he assumes this important task.

**Father Scott.** Please continue to pray for Father's recovery. His condition remains the same: critical but stable. For now, the hospital has requested that there be no visitors so please do not visit or call the hospital until further notice is sent out by Fr. Deacon James. This request is to allow for the necessary healing of Father Scott's injury. In respect for Father's healing and medical privacy, the parish office will send out official updates as information is received.



**Parish Communication.** The parish has set up an email account to better and more effectively communicate with the parishioners. You can also reach the parish office through this email: [epiphanybyzantinechurch@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanybyzantinechurch@gmail.com). Either Deacon James or Deacon Michael will respond.

If you are not yet receiving announcements from the parish office, please fill out the Registration Form on the table in the narthex and give it to Father Deacon Michael. You will be added to the distribution list to receive all future parish announcements. We also have a parish website for parish announcements, events and updates on Father Scott: [www.epiphanybyzantinecatholic.org](http://www.epiphanybyzantinecatholic.org).

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The parish is also in the process of setting up voice mail for the office phone. In the interim, if you need a priest or need to speak with someone please call Deacon James at 404-227-5401.

**Daily Divine Liturgy.** While Father Lewis is with us, he has offered also to celebrate the Divine Liturgy two or three times during the week, possibly two mornings and one evening. If you have interest in attending daily Liturgy or have suggestions as to days and times, please let Deacon Michael know. The daily Liturgy schedule will be sent by parish email and posted on the website.



**Parish Hospitality Ministry.** Christ's ministry was one of hospitality, extending a hand and welcoming all with open arms! Following Christ's example, we are developing a program here at Epiphany for Hospitality Ministers who will warmly greet and speak with all that come to worship with us. The role of the Hospitality Minister is extremely important! Quite often, the Hospitality Minister is the first point of contact for both visitors who come to worship with us each week and for Christians in need; many times these people are Catholics searching for a new home or other Christians longing for the great gift which we all have in our Byzantine Catholic Church.



While we are all charged by the Gospels to welcome all who come through our doors, our Hospitality Ministers will be the specific ones each week who make people feel welcome and at home here at Epiphany ... they will be the face of our parish. Special training and appropriate evangelization tools will be provided.

Serving as a Hospitality Minister is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other people and to share our Byzantine Catholic faith and spirituality. We especially invite families to serve in the ministry, as it is a wonderful way to teach children the importance of sharing their faith. Please speak with Father Deacon Michael after Liturgy if you are interested in serving on the planning committee to develop and launch this new ministry at Epiphany which is open to all parishioners.

Let's come together and celebrate the Liturgy after the Liturgy and take our faith outside the church walls to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Byzantine Catholic Church!



**Potluck Brunch.** Due to the Independence Day Holiday, our monthly potluck brunch has been rescheduled for next week, July 10, 2016, following the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Please bring a covered dish to share and let's all join together as a parish family for some wonderful Christian fellowship. If there are any questions or if you need some ideas for what to bring, please see Jane Cunningham.

***Behold how good it is when brothers and sisters come together in unity. It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing — life forever. (Palm 133:1, 3)***

**Parish Bulletin.** If you need something put into the bulletin, please send it to Deacon Michael's attention at [epiphanybyzantinechurch@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanybyzantinechurch@gmail.com) by Wednesday for the following Sunday.