



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM

Confessions Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM

Farewell Father Lewis! Sunday, July 24 is Father Lewis' last day with us. He will leave after Liturgy for his permanent assignment as Parochial Vicar of Saint Gregory of Nyssa in Beltsville, Maryland. Father Lewis has been a true blessing to all of us this month. He will always have a very special place in our hearts and a second home here in Roswell. Please stay after Liturgy on Sunday for cake and coffee and to bid Father farewell. Our prayers go with him now as he begins his work in another of the Lord's vineyards! God grant Father Lewis and the parishioners of Saint Gregory many happy and blessed years!



Welcome Father Steven! Bishop Kurt has generously asked Father Steven Galuschik, pastor of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church in Fort Myers, Florida to be with us for our pastoral and sacramental life on weekends until a permanent priest can be assigned. Father Steven will begin his ministry with us on Saturday, July 30; Divine Liturgy and Confessions will be on Saturday and Sunday at the usual times. Father will also be available after Liturgy on Sundays each week to visit and anoint the sick and for other pastoral needs. Please let Deacon James or Deacon Michael know and they will make arrangements with Father Steven. Please plan to stay a little while

after Liturgy on Sunday, July 31 for a welcome reception for Father. His energy and smile truly demonstrate his love for our Lord and they will certainly captivate all of us.

Deacon James Away: Father Deacon James will be out of town until Sunday, July 31. For any parish or sacramental needs, please contact Father Deacon Michael at 678-294-4485.



Blessing of Vehicles. This past week we celebrated the feast of the Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah, considered the greatest Old Testament prophet. His feast day marks his ascension to heaven on a chariot of fire; to commemorate this event, it is a tradition in the Byzantine Churches to bless our vehicles with holy water. Father Lewis will do this blessing immediately after the Saturday and Sunday liturgies July 23 and 24.

Potluck Brunch. Our next potluck parish brunch will be Sunday, August 7. All are invited to participate and to share Christian fellowship and feast. Please see Jane Cunningham for suggestions and details.

Weekly Collection and Parish Finances. Please continue to be generous in your financial support of the parish. In addition to our normal parish expenses, we are in the process of putting together a plan for some very necessary and important maintenance and repair projects in the very near future. We will be asking for volunteers to assist in the assessment, planning and oversight of these projects, which will be shared with the entire parish when the details are finalized.

Also many of our sacred vessels (such as chalice set, processional cross, blessing cross, artophorion) and altar appointments (altar linens, icon lamps, holy water sprinkler, chrism and myrrh bottles, sanctuary lamp, etc.) are either very old and in need of replacement or they personally belonged to Father Scott. We will be making these needs known to the parish in the very near future. Since many of these items are of precious materials, they are rather costly. Members of the parish may wish to make an extra contribution towards these costs or to donate any one of these liturgical items in memory of a loved one; these are the items which will always be on our Lord's Altar and Holy Table.



The Finance Council is in the process of getting the financial records in order and will soon be releasing to the parish our current financial statement.

Weekly collections June 26- July 17, 2016

June 26	\$2,571.00	July 10	\$4,186.00
July 3	\$1,293.00	July 17	\$1,892.00

Parish Council. During the month of August we will be forming a Parish Council, which will consist of Father Steven, our two Deacons and five parishioners, who will serve a one

or two year staggered term. The Church is the living body of Christ in which all share in various and diverse ways the responsibility for the mission given to the Church by our Lord. Canon Law provides for the formation of this council to act as a consultative and advisory body, pastoral in nature, since it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people. Its responsibility is to ponder and foster pastoral activities, programs and services so that the Holy Spirit may continue to move within the parish for the common good of all God's people. More information will be forthcoming, so for now please continue to keep our parish needs and growth in your daily prayers.

There is also a Finance Council as authorized under Canon Law whose members are appointed by the Administrator. Its purpose is to oversee parish funds and assets.

We will be forming other parish groups to live out in our lives the teachings of our Lord. We are the voice, hands and feet of Jesus Christ ... the Mystical Body of the Church ... our Lord asks each one of us to be His disciple ... together let us work to build up His Holy Church and do the Work of the People.

Adult Christian Formation. Our Adult Education program will resume in September on Sunday morning. One of the best ways we can grow in Christ and be effective disciples of His Church is to be informed Byzantine Catholics. The time and dates will be published.

Glory to Jesus Christ ... Glory Forever!