



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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August 21, 2016

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

Collection

August 6-7, 2016: **\$3,657.00**. Thank you for your generosity.



From Father Deacon James. “I want to share my joy with you the parishioners. On Sunday evening for the celebration of the *Dormition*, I was overcome by your attendance and participation in the Divine Liturgy; more than 50 parishioners came to honor Our Blessed Mother ... this may be the highest attendance we have ever had for a holy day. The many children processing was quite a joy. At one point during the Liturgy a voice inside me said: ‘The Holy Family is smiling on Epiphany tonight’. You have tasted and realized the sweetness of the Lord.”

Sunday School: Eastern Christian Formation. We are preparing for children’s Sunday School to begin next month. Parents, please sign up in the narthex by August 28th to ensure that materials can be ordered in time and that teachers can prepare. We will have two-9 week sessions (Sept 18-Nov 13 and Jan 22-March 26 with no class on Feb 19). Class time will be before the Divine Liturgy; starting times will be announced at a later date. We are looking forward to a great year!

Pastoral and Finance Councils. The members of the Parish Councils were installed at the August 14, 2016 Divine Liturgy. The Pastoral Council consists of **Gina Bridges, Julie Leggin, Mike Madrigal, Dennis Reidy and Dave Spontak**; the Finance Council members are **Carol Evanco, John Fuchko and Paul Hickel**. Father Steven and Deacons James and Michael also serve on both councils. The Pastoral Council will meet today **Sunday, August 21** after Liturgy. The Finance Council will meet next **Sunday, August 28** after Liturgy to review parish



finances. The parish financial statement as of June 30, 2016 will be published in September. Please keep the Council Members in your prayers as they undertake this important service to our parish.

For the Sick and Suffering. The parish office has received the following note from our parishioner Dan Cunningham, who asked that we share it with our faith community:

As many of you may be aware, I have a kidney disease that has caused my kidneys to fail. I have been on dialysis for four and a half years. This is my second time on dialysis. I received my first kidney transplant in 2001, but in 2012 doctors discovered that my transplanted kidney had cancer, so it was removed. As a result, I have numerous health problems because I do not have a working kidney. I am currently on the transplant list, but a living donor kidney will last longer and I would not have to continue to wait, possibly getting sicker before having a transplant. If you are interested in being a living donor please contact the Living Donor Team at Emory, 1-866-727-3250. There is more information available at <http://www.transplant.emory.edu/>.



Adult Christian Formation. Due to scheduling issues, Father Deacon Michael’s Adult Formation program, *A Journey through the Divine Liturgy, the Heavenly Banquet*, will begin on **Sunday October 2 from 9:00AM – 9:40AM** instead of September 11. Adult Formation is for all adults, high-school and above; it is one of the best ways we can grow in Christ and become effective disciples of His Church as informed Byzantine Catholics. All are encouraged to attend.

Feast of John the Forerunner. **Monday, August 29**, is the **Feast of the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John**; for all Byzantine Catholics this is a day of strict abstinence from all meat and dairy products. In addition Byzantine Catholics traditionally commemorate the martyrdom of John by not eating food from a flat plate, using a knife or taking food that is round in shape. Since Father Steven will not be able to be with us to celebrate Liturgy for this feast, all are encouraged to fast and reflect on the life of the Forerunner and to meditate on the Scripture readings for the day: Acts 13:25-33 and Mark 6:14-29.

John’s life was characterized by blind devotion and utter surrender to Jesus Christ and His kingdom. He proclaimed the coming of the Messiah to a people who desperately needed a Savior; he is the model for each of us as Christians who unashamedly share the good news of Jesus Christ. The Forerunner was a man filled with faith and an example for those of us who wish to share our faith with others. His life is an example to us of the seriousness with which we are to approach the Christian life and our call to ministry, whatever that may be. He shows us how to stand firm in our faith no matter what the circumstances. As Christians we all will have our faith put to the test; we will either falter in our faith or, like John, cling to Christ and stand firm in our faith to the end.

