



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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August 28, 2016

Divine Liturgy
Confessions
Collection

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

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

August 6-7, 2016: **\$1,370.00**. Thank you for your generosity.



Eastern Christian Formation. The Church has always held education in the faith, particularly of children, in the highest regard. Canon Law obligates each parish to have catechetical programs so that all the faithful are properly instructed in the faith. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses the obligation of parents to initiate their children from an early age into the mysteries of the faith. Parents, therefore, have both the honor and the mission of ensuring their children pray and discover their vocation as children of God. Since the parish is the Eucharistic community of faith and the heart of the liturgical life for, it also is the privileged place for the catechesis of both children and adults (cf. CCC 2225, 2226).

Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him. (2 Corinthians 2:14)

Children's Sunday School 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 AFTER Sunday Liturgy for an easier transition for the children. Parents are requested to register their children for the classes, as setup and approved by the Eparchy, on the sign-up sheets in the narthex by August 28th; this will enable us to be sure materials can be ordered in time and that teachers can prepare.

We are in need of teachers for children's Sunday School. If interested, please contact Father Deacon James or Karen Madrigal ASAP to complete the needed training and background check as required by the Eparchy. Student texts and teacher's manuals with activities are provided, making planning minimal. Please offer your time to help the children of the parish grow in their faith.

Father Deacon Michael's *A Journey through the Divine Liturgy, the Heavenly Banquet*, will also be held AFTER Sunday Liturgy while the children are in Sunday School. We will begin on **Sunday October 2** and run until November 13, the last day of Sunday School. 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.



Iconography Enhancement. Eastern icons are said to be “windows to the Kingdom” or “theology in color” since they express the profound spiritual truths of our faith. Soon, we will be undertaking additional iconography throughout the church which will further enhance and beautify God's house.

This has been discussed with the Pastoral Council, reviewed by Father Steven and approved by Deacon James. The first phase of the project will focus on the Altar (sanctuary) and in front of the Iconostasis. If you would like to donate one of the icons or have one in memory of a loved one, please see Father Deacon Michael. The individual icons will cost between \$175 and \$300 each. We hope to have the funds raised and the installation completed by mid-November.

“How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts” (Ps 84:1)

Feast of John the Forerunner. Tomorrow, **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 we traditionally commemorate John's martyrdom by not eating food from a flat plate, using a knife or taking food that is round in shape. All are encouraged to fast and reflect on the life of the Forerunner by meditating 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. 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.

Tree Removal. We are taking down several trees which are in danger of falling and damaging the church and rectory; we are also pruning some of the lower canopies and dead branches which overhang the parking area and the church. This will be an ongoing project as funds allow. There is quite a bit of property maintenance which needs to be addressed so your continued generosity in helping to meet our parish needs is truly necessary and much appreciated.



Parish Musical Outing. The 35th **Atlanta Balalaika Society Fall Concert** will be Saturday, October 22 at 7:30PM at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center. This is always a fun-filled evening of Russian dancing, music and vocal artistry. Adult tickets are \$22; seniors \$20; children under 12 \$8. In previous years, those attending also met for a light supper before the concert. If you are interested in an evening of fun and fellowship, please see Deacon Michael. But hurry ... tickets sell out fast!