



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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September 4, 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: **\$1,974.00**. Thank you for your generosity.



Sunday School and Adult Education. Sunday School for grades 1-8 has been rescheduled to begin Sunday, October 2 following Divine Liturgy and will run until November 20 (8 weeks); Adult Education will also follow the same schedule to also allow parents time to attend Deacon Michael's classes focusing on the deep meaning of the Divine Liturgy while the children are in school.

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.* (Proverbs 22:66).

Calling all Teachers. It was necessary to reschedule classes due to the lack of teachers for our children for this session. As mandated by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and our own Eparchy, all teachers and volunteers must complete training in the Safe Environment for Children Program and be certified by the Eparchy. We now have four volunteers who will go through the Program (for children) on Sunday, September 11 following Divine Liturgy. This is only required one time and will only take about 45 minutes.

Please consider being a teacher for Sunday School. You do not have to be a Biblical Scholar or Theologian. There is a teacher's guide provided for each grade with student texts and activities, making planning minimal. One only has to follow it step by step; no prep time is needed. Sunday School class takes about 45 minutes. Epiphany needs you. The goal is to have 10-12 teachers certified so that the same people are not teaching year after year.

This is your opportunity to show the Lord how much you love Him by teaching his children. Is the Lord calling you? To volunteer, please see Karen Madrigal or Father Deacon James.

All Scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)

Lectors for Divine Liturgy. The first workshop for the new lectors who have embraced the role of proclaiming the Word of God in the Apostolic Letters at Divine Liturgy will be this coming weekend: **Saturday September 10 at 4:00PM** for Saturday attendees and **Sunday September 11** following Liturgy for those who come on Sundays. This first introductory session will take 40-45 minutes. Additional workshops will follow. The role of Lector is a true honor since it is part of the Prophetic and Teaching voice of the Church. This ministry makes a positive contribution to the parish community since the Lector brings the living word of God to us. In this act of communal listening, we experience Christian unity among ourselves as well as the very presence of Christ speaking to us in His Word. If you wish to volunteer as a Lector and have not yet signed up, please see Father Deacon Michael.



Maintenance Update. We are continuing to address the numerous maintenance issues of the parish buildings and grounds. **This coming week, the church, rectory and sidewalks will all be pressure washed.**

Last week nine trees which were in danger of falling or blocking sunlight were taken down; several other trees and bushes were also pruned and dead branches removed. In the coming months and as funds allow, additional trees will be removed for better visibility of our beautiful church from the roadway.

These projects are costly but so necessary to avoid more repairs later. **Your continued generosity in helping with these expenses is truly appreciated.** It is our privilege, to beautify and to share with others and the community God's Holy House.

Icon Project. Thank you to all who responded so far to our appeal to fund the additional iconography which is planned for the church interior. New icons are planned for the altar area, in front of the iconostasis, the side walls and the back wall of the sanctuary. These icons will be a prayerful reminder of Our Lord's ministry, his suffering and glorious Resurrection, of the Theotokos, the Mother of God, of the angels, saints and prophets, all of whom are gathered with us as we share the Heavenly Banquet at God's Holy Table. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of one or more of these icons or have one in memory of a loved one, please see Father Deacon Michael. We hope to have the funds raised soon and the installation by mid-November.



Parish Night Out. 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. If you are interested in an evening of Russian music, dancing, vocals, fun and fellowship, please see Deacon Michael. But hurry ... tickets sell out fast!