



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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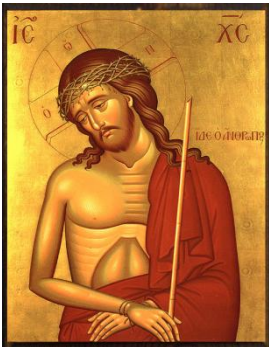
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September 11, 2016

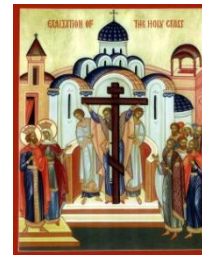
Divine Liturgy	Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
Confessions	Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
Collection	September 3-4, 2016: \$1,261.00 . Thank you for your generosity.

Lest We Forget On this 15th anniversary of September 11th, we remember the terrorist attacks against the United States, the tremendous evil that befell our country and how so many people were so deeply affected, especially those who still grieve the loss of their loved ones. Let us pray this weekend for those who continue to yearn for the peace of Jesus Christ.



When we look back to September 11, 2001 we often have overwhelming feelings of abandonment and may very well wonder: "Where was God?" But we must remember that God is not arbitrary; He is not a puppeteer pulling on the strings of life and capriciously altering the fates of mankind. Rather, God is love and we live in a world estranged from Him through the power of evil and the darkness of sin. So where was God on September 11, 2001? He was weeping with us. Just as when Jesus wept at the death of His friend Lazarus, when He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, when He suffered the anguish of Calvary and death on the Cross, our Lord Jesus was also in anguish and pain on September 11th. He was not outside this world managing events and deciding people's fates. Quite simply, on September 11th Jesus wept with us and He continues to do so today as we continue to look for a sense of comfort and a world of hope and peace.

To all who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones and to all who may question how evil could be so powerful, let us look to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Divine Eucharist which we celebrate every Sunday. It is here that the Prince of Peace nourishes us with His love and comforts us in our sorrow, our doubts, and our fears. May the Lord God give us peace.

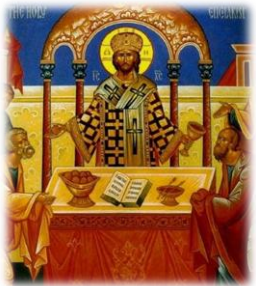


Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross. Wednesday, September 14, is a solemn feast in the Byzantine Catholic Church. While it is not a holyday of obligation, the faithful are strongly encouraged to attend Divine Liturgy; it is also a day of strict fast and abstinence. The Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Feast will be celebrated Tuesday evening, September 13 at 7:30 PM.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14)

Sunday School and Adult Education. Sunday School for grades 1-8 will begin Sunday, October 2 following Divine Liturgy and will run until November 20; Adult Education will also follow the same schedule to also allow parents time to attend Deacon Michael's classes on the Divine Liturgy.

Liturgy Intentions. The custom of requesting a priest to offer a Divine Liturgy for a specific intention or person (either living or deceased) is a longstanding practice in the Church. The Church considers the Liturgy the greatest possible prayer of intercession and thanksgiving as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. It is also our custom here at Epiphany to serve a *Panachida* for the repose of our loved ones, either at their death or on their anniversaries.



To have a Divine Liturgy or *Panachida* served for your intentions, please email the parish office (epiphanybyzantinechurch@gmail.com) stating the name of the person(s) to be remembered, whether living or deceased, or the specific intention; please indicate the date you wish to have the service offered and any details which may be helpful. Every effort will be made to honor specific date requests. You will then be advised by return email of the date and time.

Please remember that only one Liturgy per weekend may be offered for special intentions; the other one must always be for the people of the parish. The faithful generally make an offering for a Divine Liturgy.

Parish Census. We are now in the process of establishing and updating the membership and sacramental records of the parish. This information is vitally necessary for the parish, particularly when needed for marriages; it is also required to be maintained under Canon Law. **Please complete the 2016 Census as soon as possible and leave it in the designated box in the narthex.** We will continue the census until October 10. A new parish directory will be published.

Icon Project. Thank you to all who responded to our appeal to fund the new iconography for the church interior. There are still a few icons available if you wish to contribute. Please see Father Deacon Michael for details. The icons for the altar and soleas will be ordered this week and should be here in about six weeks. The icons for the interior walls will be ordered shortly. Our goal is to have the installation by mid-November.