



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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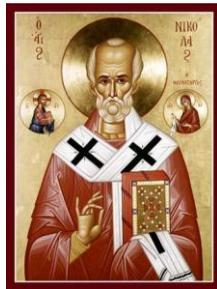
Parish Councils: Father Steven, Fr. Deacon James, Fr. Deacon Michael

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**October 2, 2016**

<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
<b>Collection</b>	September 24-25, 2016: <b>\$4,208.00</b> . Thank you for your generosity.



**Saint Nicholas 2016.** Mark your calendars! Our **Saint Nicholas** celebration and luncheon will be back here at Epiphany in the narthex on **Sunday, December 11**, following the Divine Liturgy.

We will be cleaning the church and decorating the nave to prepare for the Nativity of our Lord on **Saturday, December 3** at 9:30am. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family activity ... so bring out the dust rags and the creativity for a great morning of fun and holiday treats!

All are invited to be a part of the festivities. Please see this year's co-chairs Julie Leggin or Shirley Spontak to sign up for decorating and/or helping with the luncheon. Our Saint Nicholas luncheon has been a favorite tradition here at Epiphany and we hope all our parish will attend. And for our little ones, we hear that Saint Nicholas himself is planning a special visit!

**Parish Potluck Luncheons.** During the school year, we will not have the monthly potluck luncheons due to conflicts with the Eastern Christian Formation programs. We will continue our traditions of Sunday Coffee Social, Saint Nicholas luncheon, Sundays of Meatfare and Cheesefare, Friday Great Fast Suppers, Founders Day and other special occasions throughout the year.

**Eastern Christian Formation.** Starts today after Divine Liturgy for both children and adults. While the young ones are in Sunday School, join Father Deacon Michael for his weekly session on *The Divine Liturgy, the Fountain of Immortality*.



**Parish Census.** Please remember to complete the 2016 Census (front and back) and leave it in the designated box in the narthex. It is very important that our parish records be up to date. We will continue the census until October 10; a new parish directory will be published later in the month.



**Maintenance Updates.** Unlike fine wine which gets better with age, property and buildings unfortunately do not. We are continuing to address the more important areas both inside and outside the church; several of these projects are still underway or have already been completed. As part of our long range evangelization plan, our goal is to make Epiphany better known throughout the community and to make the property more visible, accessible and attractive.

☑ Several **trees were removed** in front of the rectory and around the church which were in danger of falling; also the more low hanging branches over the back parking area have also been addressed.



☑ Due to the steep grade at the back of the church, wheelchair access was virtually impossible. **Parking for disabled** parishioners and guests has now been moved to the main entry driveway behind the sacristy; this has been paved with concrete and will be appropriately striped and marked for both handicapped and van access. The parking pad will have four disabled spaces and will allow for wheelchair access on the concrete, rather than across gravel, to more easily reach the sidewalk; a flared apron and grade change on the sidewalk was also done to facilitate wheelchair access.

☑ For safety, several sections of broken or uneven **sidewalk** have been removed and replaced. The sidewalk has also been extended around the entire perimeter of the church so that parishioners will not have to walk on bare ground when arriving at the church or during holy day processions.

☑ A small patio was installed behind the sacristy, just in front of the new disabled parking area. The plan is to place benches and an outdoor icon in this area as well as to have it landscaped to create a quiet "**prayer garden**" before or after Divine Services. Suggestions on how to make this a place of meditation are most welcome.



☑ The access to the church from the back driveway has been somewhat restrictive, especially for those parishioners and guests with mobility concerns. The steep sidewalk has been removed and replaced with a **gradual stepped sidewalk** to make this walkway easier.

☑ The old picnic tables, signage, broken fencing and outdoor furniture have been removed to make the **grounds more attractive**. Unfortunately, the children's swing set was old and very dangerous with broken wood and exposed nails. For safety reasons, this has also been removed. Replacement of the play equipment will be addressed by the parish council at a later time.

☑ The first phase of **exterior pressure washing** has been done to remove the grime, insects and residue from the entry ways. Once the sidewalk and parking pads have been cured, the entire building and sidewalks will be completely pressure washed.

**Please keep the parish and our continued work in your daily prayers!**