



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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**October 23, 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>	October 15-16, 2016: <b>\$1,845.00</b> . God bless you for your generosity.



### Thought for the Week...

*Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope,  
Where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.*

Pope Francis

**Parish Census.** This will be the last weekend for filling out the parish census / registration before we begin to compile the data in the parish records. If you have not yet completed the new form, or even if you did one several years ago, please complete the new blue form this weekend and place it in the box in the narthex. This information is essential so that our parish records are up to date.

**Lectors for Divine Liturgy.** Our new lectors will all officially be installed at the Divine Liturgy next weekend, October 29/30. Please keep our new readers in your prayers as they begin the important ministry in proclaiming the Word of God. God bless their service.

**New Parishioners.** We extend a warm Christian welcome to the new families and individuals who have recently moved into our parish. Please see Deacon James after Divine Liturgy to complete the registration form and to receive your weekly donation envelopes which support the parish and its work to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations.



**Fund Raising Campaign.** Next October, 2017, we will celebrate the first meeting of fifty Byzantine Catholics from metro Atlanta which launched the first Ruthenian Byzantine Rite parish in Georgia. The mission was officially placed under the omphorion of +Bishop Michael Dudick, of blessed memory, on December 12, 1977.

Since the beginning, God has blessed our parish with good and faithful parishioners who have constantly answered His call, sacrificed for the glory of God and our Byzantine Catholic faith and met the challenge to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ through liturgy, prayer, education and outreach.

Our parish is now faced with the concerns of showing its age. We have begun to address some of the more critical issues, but there is still much more work to be done. There are many areas of both buildings and grounds where vitally necessary repairs are required, especially to ensure the safety and comfort of our parishioners and visitors, to provide us with the means to proclaim the Gospel to the many new members who have come to cherish along with us the "Light of the East", and to make the House of God a beacon of holiness, beauty, pride and fellowship.

As we respond to Lord's mandate to make disciples of all nations, we need to keep growing in faith and invest in our future. Now is the time for us as followers of Jesus Christ to act and move forward.

**In anticipation of our upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next October, it is with excitement that we will be launching a needed fund raising campaign under the theme:**

***Together in the Holy Trinity ... Our Faith, Our Church, Our Future!***

This will be the first such campaign in the history of our parish. Our weekly collection does enable us to meet our monthly obligations with little problems, but there is very little left over, if any, to address the ongoing preventive maintenance needs as well as to work to preserve our future. The faithful of Epiphany of Our Lord have always been more than generous as a faith community in providing for God's House. We now need everyone's extra help and sacrifices over the next few months to meet our goals to work on the necessary repairs to the church, the office and the grounds due to their age and normal deterioration.

Beginning next week, there will be a regular second collection for this purpose. Please do whatever you can, small or large, to make this campaign a success. Please prayerfully consider the generosity that God has shown to our parish, the importance of the mission we have been given, and the blessings that God promises a cheerful giver. We entrust our work and our future to the protection of the Most Holy Theotokos and the intercession of our patrons, Saint John the Forerunner and Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker.

**In the News: Adoptions.** Bishop Kurt has asked all parishes to distribute some new legislation concerning adoptions in New Jersey, in case there is someone who needs to know. Copies of this flyer are on the bulletin table in the narthex.

