



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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October 30, 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

October 22-23, 2016: **\$1,884.00**. God bless you for your generosity.



Thought for the Week...

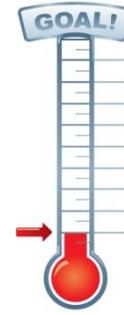
The closeness of the transcendent God is not a theoretical abstraction. It is a fact – the most important fact there is. The divine presence must become the basis of the believer's whole life, through that harmony of liturgical and contemplative prayer.

Archimandrite Nicholas Zachariadis,
Holy Resurrection Monastery

Daily Savings Time Ends. Standard Time returns next Sunday, November 6 at 2:00am. Be sure to set your clocks **back** one hour before retiring on Saturday.

Fund Raising Campaign. As announced last week, today we are launching our first important Fund Raising Campaign since Epiphany was first founded in October, 1977. Since the beginning, God has continued to bless our parish with good and faithful stewards who have always 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.

But unlike a fine wine, buildings do not improve with age and our parish is now faced with the results of time. While we have begun to address some of the more critical issues, there are still much needed and necessary repairs for the church and grounds. Our concern is to ensure the



safety and comfort of our parishioners and visitors, to provide us with the means to proclaim the Gospel in the fullness of Byzantine Catholic spirituality and liturgical tradition, and to make the House of God a beacon of holiness, beauty and pride.

As we respond to our Lord's mandate to make disciples of all nations, we need to grow in our faith and identity, invest in our future and move forward in Jesus Christ. Our weekly collection usually enables us to meet our basic monthly obligations, but with rising costs of insurance, utilities and other operating expenses, there is now nothing left over to address the ongoing maintenance needs of our physical property. We need everyone's extra help and sacrifices to be able to work on the necessary repairs to the church and the grounds which are a result of their age and normal deterioration.

In anticipation of our 40th anniversary as a parish next year, our goal is to get as much of this work done as possible in order to continue to serve our faithful and to reach out and draw new members into the parish. **Starting this 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.

Together in the Holy Trinity ... One Faith, One Church, One Future!



Saint Nicholas Celebration. Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us and that means the annual parish Saint Nicholas Day celebration. This year's festivities will be headed up by **Julie Leggin** and **Shirley Spontak**, who have some wonderful plans in store for us. And for our little ones, Holy Father Nicholas himself promises to be there! Please see Julie or Shirley to volunteer to help and make this a most memorable occasion for all. And don't forget to invite a few friends ... this will be a wonderful "Byzantine" way to evangelize!

Church Cleaning and Decorating: Saturday, December 3, 9:30 am

Saint Nicholas Luncheon: Sunday, December 11, 11:30 am

In the spirit of Saint Nicholas, who always taught us to give cheerfully to those in need, the parish will also be participating in several special programs of Christian outreach this year:

- + **An Assisted Living Angel Tree** to share God's love and bless those in need of elderly care with a gift bag of lotions, Kleenex, toiletries and other goodies
- + **Toys for Tots** to bring a Saint Nicholas gift to a less fortunate child of God
- + **Mary and Martha Food Drive** to provide baskets of holiday food for needy families

And for our own **Saint Nicholas Luncheon**, please be sure to sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate what favorite family recipe food item you will bring to share at the party!