



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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<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 29-30, 2016: <b>\$1,949.00</b> . God bless you for your generosity.
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	Pledged to Date: <b>\$6,634.00</b> · Received to Date: <b>\$2,394.00</b>

## Thought for the Week...



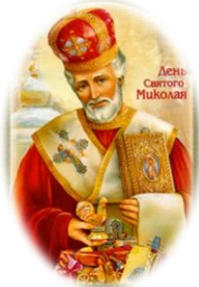
*We cannot forget that evangelization is foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face ... Christians should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but "by attraction".*

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

**Divine Liturgy Intentions.** We now have a supply of Liturgy Intention cards for both the living and deceased. These cards are appropriate for mailing to the intended person or family as an expression of Christian prayer or sympathy. Please see Deacons James or Michael if you wish to have a Liturgy offered for your intentions here at Epiphany.

**Saint Nicholas Celebration.** The holidays are just around the corner and that means our annual 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. Please see them to volunteer to help and make this a most memorable occasion for all.

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



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

+ **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 holiday food baskets 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 the party!

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

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

**Memory Eternal.** A *Panachida* will be offered after the Sunday Liturgy for the repose of Carl Bates, beloved husband of Barbara Bates, on the anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord.



**Go and Preach to all Nations.** The Holy Spirit has truly set ablaze our hearts and parish. Word is out that Epiphany is the *Light of the East* and a precious jewel in the crown of the Catholic Church. We have been experiencing a wonderful growth recently as more and more visitors are showing up at our door. To be sure that all who come to experience us will find a warm welcome, we are forming a "Welcome Committee" for weekend Liturgy. These volunteers will greet our visitors, sit with them during Liturgy and help follow our worship, ensure they receive a welcome packet which has been prepared with information about the Byzantine Catholic Church, and encourage them to stay for our coffee hour. Please see Deacon Michael to help out.

**40th Anniversary Campaign.** Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our Fund Raising Campaign. Our church and grounds are showing their age and we must address the necessary repairs. 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 tradition, and to make the House of God a beacon of holiness, beauty and pride. Our weekly collection usually enables us to meet our basic obligations, but with rising costs of insurance, utilities and other operating expenses, there is very little left over for repairs and maintenance. Please remember the second collection with your pledge cards and contributions. We ask you to prayerfully consider the generosity that God has shown our parish, the importance of the mission we have been given, and the blessings that God promises a cheerful giver. Epiphany's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be in 2017!



**Altar Appointments.** God's Holy Altar has been beautified with a resplendent sanctuary lamp, a new Bishop's chair and clergy chairs through the generosity of two parishioners. God bless you.