



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy
Confessions
Collection
Capital Campaign

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
November 5-6, 2016: **\$1,629.00**. God bless you for your generosity.
Pledges to Date: **\$7,523.00** · Received to Date: **\$3,633.00 (49%)**



Thought for the Week...

The person who loves God cannot help loving every man as himself, even though he is grieved by the passions of those who are not yet purified ... If we detect any trace of hatred in our hearts against any man whatsoever for committing any fault, we are utterly estranged from love for God, since love for God absolutely precludes us from hating any man for any reason.

St. Maximos the Confessor

Memory Eternal. A *Panachida* will be offered after the Sunday Liturgy for the repose of the soul of Elsie Spang, beloved aunt of Gina Bridges, who fell asleep in the Lord recently.

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

Father Scott Update. Father Scott has sent the parish a note thanking everyone for all the prayers, gifts, cards and best wishes during his recovery. If you wish to write Father, his new email account is gengaines78@gmail.com.

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

Saint Nicholas Celebration. Our annual Saint Nicholas luncheon this year is being headed up by **Julie Leggin** and **Shirley Spontak**. Please see them to volunteer to help and make this a most memorable occasion for all.

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

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

40th Anniversary Campaign. Thank you for your continued generosity in support of our Fund Raising Campaign to address much needed major repairs to the church and grounds. Please remember the second collection with your pledge cards and contributions. Epiphany's 40th anniversary will be in 2017!

The Holy Archangel Michael and All the Bodiless Powers

The past week, November 8, was the **Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and All the Angels**.

Saint John of Damascus teaches us: "God is Himself the Maker and Creator of the angels; for He brought them out of nothing into being and created them after His own image. They are an incorporeal race, a sort of spirit or immaterial fire, even as the divine David says that "His angels are spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire" (Ps 103:6). An angel is an intelligent essence, in perpetual motion, with free will, ministering to God, having obtained by grace an immortal nature.

Angels are active spirits with intelligence, will and knowledge. Bodiless and invisible to human eyes, they were created as the most perfect reflection of God's grandeur and glory. Angels are seen in Scripture as heralds of God's will (such as when Gabriel announced the Incarnation to the Most Pure Theotokos), guides, and servants of an individual's salvation. Some angels are appointed for the governance of the heavens and the world, while others continually glorify God (as we sing in the Cherubic Hymn). Still others are assigned to each one of us at Baptism as a personal guardian and protector. Our Lord Himself reminded us "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say unto you, their angels behold the face of My Father in heaven" (Matt 18:10).

As we live faithfully the Eastern Christian life, we draw closer to God and become more like the angels. It is a great gift of the mercy and love of God for us that we, who are sinful, impure, fallible and weak, are allowed to be His servants, as are the angels. It is an even greater gift of the mercy and love of God for us that our Lord Jesus Christ became Incarnate – for He identified Himself completely with us by sharing fully in our human nature. He did not do this for the angels!

All you holy Archangels and Angels, pray to God for us!

