



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy	Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
Confessions	Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
Collection	December 3-4, 2016: \$2,306.00 . God bless you for your generosity.
Capital Campaign	Pledges to Date: \$9,608.00 · Received to Date: \$7,008.00

Thought for the Week...

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."

Saint Nicholas of Myra

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nicholas, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved. (Troparion of Saint Nicholas)



The clergy and parish family extend a huge "Thank you" to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Saint Nicholas and Christmas celebrations such a wonderful and holy occasion for all: the beautifully decorated church; all the delicious foods prepared for all to share today; and coordinating the important outreach programs for the less fortunate at this blessed time of year.

May God continue to bless each of you in the service of His Holy Church.



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

Prepare ye the way of the Lord. As we approach the Holy Season of our Lord's Incarnation, there is no better gift we can offer Him than by beginning anew with a clean heart and a greater zeal to serve Him and our neighbor. As the days grow darker and the nights grow longer, we long for the light of Christ to come into our hearts. By embracing the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time, we hear Christ Himself speak to us through our priest that our sins are forgiven and we have been reconciled with our heavenly Father. Just as Saint Joseph prepared the manger for the Christ Child, let us also prepare our own hearts with the heavenly infusion of sacramental grace.



On **Friday, December 16 at 7:30 P.M.** Father Steven will celebrate the *Emmanuel Moleben* and the Anointing with sacramental oil for the healing of soul and body; afterwards, he will hear confessions. It is in this Sacred Mystery, a gift instituted by God to forgive sins and to give grace, that we respond to the Father who sent His Son in the flesh to reconcile to Himself all creation. Here we find blessed joy in the expectation of receiving our newborn Savior as we celebrate his glorious Nativity.



Holiday Liturgy Schedule

Friday December 16, 7:30 PM: <i>Emmanuel Moleben</i> , Holy Anointing, and Confessions
Saturday December 17, 5:30 PM: Divine Liturgy; Sunday, December 18, 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 24: No Liturgy
Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy, <i>Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ</i>
Monday, December 26, 9:30 AM: Holiday breads and Coffee, followed by a celebration at 10:00 AM of the <i>Akathist to the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary</i> , Holy Day of the <i>Synaxis of the Mother of God</i>
Saturday, December 31, 5:30 PM: Divine Liturgy, <i>Feasts of the Circumcision and Saint Basil the Great</i>
Sunday, January 1, 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy, <i>Feasts of the Circumcision and Saint Basil the Great</i>
Friday, January 6; 7:30 PM: Blessing of Water and Divine Liturgy, <i>Feast of Theophany</i> , Solemn Holy Day

Bishop's Appeal. Each year our Bishop asks us to help with the needs of the Eparchy, the education of seminarians and deacons, the expense of new priests from Europe, the ongoing maintenance of our struggling parishes and the Carpathian Village, and outreach programs of the Eparchy. **The appeal ends December 31.** A letter was sent by Bishop Kurt to all the faithful. You may send your contribution directly to the Chancery. Any amount above our annual assessment is returned to the parish. Please keep His Grace, Bishop Kurt, and the entire Eparchy in your daily prayers as we work to proclaim the Gospel and to build God's Kingdom on earth.

