



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: \$2,678.00 . God bless you for your generosity.
Capital Campaign	Pledges to Date: \$12,369.00 · Received to Date: \$9,844.00



Thought for the Week...

“Christmas is the feast in which God comes so close to man as to share the very act of being born, showing men and women their most profound dignity: that of being children of God. Humanity’s dream which began in the Garden of Eden — we want to be like God — is realized in an unexpected way, not through the greatness of man, who cannot make himself God, but through the humility of God Who came down among us in His humility, raising us to the greatness of His being. Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus

Holiday Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, December 24: No Liturgy

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy, *Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ*

Monday, December 26, 9:30 AM: Holiday breads and Coffee, followed by a celebration at 10:00 AM of the *Akathist to the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, Holy Day of the Synaxis of the Mother of God*

Saturday, December 31, 5:30 PM & Sunday, January 1, 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy, *Feasts of the Circumcision and Saint Basil the Great*

Friday, January 6; 7:30 PM: Blessing of Water and Divine Liturgy, *Feast of Theophany, Solemn Holy Day*

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

For the Sick and the Suffering, let us pray to the Lord. In your charity, please remember in your prayers Andy Martin, one of Epiphany’s founding fathers, who is currently hospitalized. May the Divine Physician grant him a speedy recovery and restoration of health.

Flowers in the Temple. Thank you to all who donated for the beautiful poinsettias this Christmas season which will beautify God’s holy temple and the earthly manager of the Christ child.



Bishop’s Appeal. Each year Bishop Kurt 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 struggling parishes, and the Eparchy’s outreach programs. **The appeal ends December 31.** Our goal as assessed by the Bishop’s office is \$10,000; if we meet it, then \$4,000 is returned to us. Envelopes are in the narthex and can be mailed to the Chancery.



2017 Envelopes and Calendars. The collection envelopes for next year will be in the narthex the week following Christmas. Please be sure to take one and verify on the list provided that your mailing address is correct; otherwise, your 2016 tax record for donations may not be sent timely. Tax statements will be mailed out before the end of January 2017 to the last address in the parish records.

Important: New parishioners who are not listed on the parish address roster or have made contributions in 2016 and do not appear on the roster are requested kindly to add their name and address on the last page of the address directory. This way tax statements can be mailed timely.

Next year’s liturgical calendars will be placed in the narthex as soon as they arrive. There is a slight delay in delivery but they should be here soon. Please take one per family.

Spread the Good News. We still are in need of volunteers to be greeters and hosts for visitors to Epiphany. Our goal is to have someone available at each Divine Liturgy to extend a warm welcome to visitors, to sit with them during Liturgy and help them through the pew book, especially for non-Byzantine Catholics, to be sure they receive one of our new Welcome Packets which is chock full of excellent reading material on our Byzantine Church, and to encourage them to stay for coffee and pastries after Liturgy. The Lord needs us to build His Kingdom ... let us go forth and make disciples of all nations! **“How glad I was when they said, let us go unto the house of the Lord”** (Psalm 122:1). Please see Fr. Deacon Michael to assist with this all important evangelization ministry.

