



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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December 25, 2016 Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

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 Last week: **\$2,211.00**. God bless you for your generosity.
Capital Campaign Pledges to Date: **\$13,892.00** · Received to Date: **\$10,567.00**

Thought for the Week...

BEHOLD a new and wondrous mystery. My ears resound to the Shepherd's song, piping no soft melody, but chanting full forth a heavenly hymn. The Angels sing. The Archangels blend their voice in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt His glory. All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven. He Who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised.

Saint John Chrysostom, *Homily on Christmas Morning*

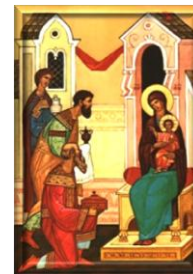


Synaxis of the Mother of God. On the second day of Christmas, the Christian East gives glory and thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, who gave birth in the flesh to our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. On this day the Church points to Mary as the one through whom the Incarnation was made possible. His humanity is the humanity He received from Mary. His body is, first of all, her body. His life is her life. This feast is probably the most ancient feast of Mary, the very beginning of her veneration by the Church.



Please join us on Monday morning, **December 26 at 10:00 AM** here at Epiphany for reflection and to sing together the praises of our Lady as we celebrate the *Akathist to the Most Holy and Most Pure Mother of God*. Pastries and coffee will be served at 9:30 AM.

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



A Gift unto the Lord!

When they came into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and they opened their treasures and presented him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to everyone of our parishioners. You have made our growth here at Epiphany such an incredible reality. The Holy Spirit has come down upon us and empowered us as workers in the Kingdom of God. We cannot thank you enough for your generous donations which have increased so much in recent months, as well as all of your prayers, time and talent. Because of your wonderful support, we are able to meet our monthly operating expenses and also work to beautify God's holy house to make it a temple of worship befitting our God and a place of gracious welcome and hospitality to all who enter our doors. Every little bit counts and we feel every prayer working with us. Together we will continue to make our mission that much more powerful and effective!

As we approach year-end, we wish to share how your gifts to the Lord have been put to use in His holy temple and enabled us to make the following possible over these recent months:

- Divine Liturgy, Moleben, & Other Services pew books
- Installation of new icons throughout altar and nave
- Roof repairs to rectory and new locks for storage house
- Chalice and Diskos set
- New Epiphany entrance sign
- Extend solea (front altar area)
- Artophorion (vessel) for consecrated particles
- Removal of diseased and overgrown trees
- Needed vessels for Table of Preparation (Proskomedia)
- Vessels for Sacred Oils and Holy Water
- Visitor packets and church name/address holy cards
- Conversion of all lights to LED energy efficient lighting
- Communion cloths and Purificators for chalices
- Votive candles/tapers and vigil lamp candles
- Driveway gravel installation & Powerwash church exterior
- Necessary liturgical books
- Patio in new prayer garden
- Exterior floodlight sensors
- Sanctuary lamp/chairs
- Dry cleaning of all vestments
- Monthly exterminator service
- Lamps for iconostasis
- Altar flowers for holydays
- **Projects for 2017 ...**
- Processional cross
- Clearing overgrowth at sign
- Steeple repairs
- Altar covers for the Holy Table, Prothesis, Diakonicon (Deacon table) and Tetrapod
- Sidewalk repair & extension around exterior of church
- New locks for church doors
- Disabled and general parking concrete pads
- Grounds improvements
- Bathroom remodeling
- Rectory repairs
- Narthex improvements

And many brought gifts unto the LORD in Jerusalem ... so that He was magnified in the sight of all nations from then on. 2 Chronicles 32:23