



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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January 1, 2017 + Happy New Year!

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

Last week: **\$1,485.00**. God bless you for your generosity.

Pledges to Date: **\$14,772.00** · Received to Date: **\$11,717.00**

Thought for the Week...



The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. For some 2016 was a great year; for others it may have been one deep struggle after another. Yet one truth rings clear amidst it all. We are not alone. Not ever. Our God is a "with us" God. He is Emmanuel, God with us. The Nativity of our King, which we have just celebrated, has the power to carry us right into a fresh, new start. And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes. God is always with us!

2017 Envelopes and Calendars. The 2017 collection envelopes are in the narthex. Please complete the form on the table as you take a box of envelopes. We must verify the address on file is correct for the 2016 tax record for donations, which will be mailed by the end of January to the last address in the parish records.

Next year's 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.

Eastern Christian Life (ECL). Our eparchial newspaper is mailed each month to all parishioners of record. Since the parish is billed for this at **\$12.00 per family**, please remember to return your annual subscription payment in the special envelope provided with the weekly envelopes. If you do not receive the newspaper each month, then be sure to pick up a box of envelopes and complete the address verification form so we can send your name into the Chancery.



Feast of Theophany ... Our Parish Patronal Feast Day. This **Friday, January 6**, is the feast of the **Theophany of our Lord**, a **holy day of obligation** for all Byzantine Rite Catholics of the Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh. **The Great Blessing of Water and Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:30PM.** Remember to bring your containers to take holy water back home for your family use.

Gifts unto the Lord!

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to everyone of our parishioners. Our growth and mission here at Epiphany has been an incredible reality. 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. As we begin a new year, we wish to share how your gifts to the Lord have been put to use in His holy temple in 2016 and have also enabled us to purchase and do the following:

- 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; signage
- Bathroom remodeling
- Diakonicon in altar area
- 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

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