



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## January 8, 2017 + The Sunday after Theophany

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: <b>\$1,702.00</b> . God bless you for your generosity.
Capital Campaign	Pledged to Date: <b>\$13,412.00</b> · Received to Date: <b>\$11,972.00</b>

### Thought for the Week...



*“Let us go forth in peace” is the last commandment of the Liturgy. It means, surely, that the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy is not an end but a beginning. Those words are not merely a comforting epilogue. They are a call to serve and bear witness. In effect, those words mean the Liturgy is over and the liturgy after the Liturgy is about to begin. The aim of the Liturgy is that we should return to the world with the doors of our perceptions cleansed, seeing Christ in every human person, especially in those who suffer. The Christian is the one who wherever he or she looks, everywhere sees Christ and rejoices in him.*

Bishop Kalistos of Diokleia



**Feast of Theophany ... Our Parish Patronal Feast Day.** This past Friday we celebrated the *Theophany of our Lord* and *The Great Sanctification of Water* in commemoration of Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of the Most Holy Trinity. Holy water is available from the font in front of the iconostasis for all to take home for use within the family. There is a supply of holy water containers for purchase at the Gift Counter if needed.

*Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation.* (Isaiah 12:3)

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



**Time to “Undeck” the Halls!** Once again a huge “thank you” to everyone who contributed time, talent and treasure to make God’s Temple such a wondrous place to welcome our newborn King. Our church has been so beautifully decorated that we almost don’t want to put away all the lights, garlands, bows and wreaths. But sadly we must. Please help us out on **Saturday, January 14 at 9:30AM** to take down and store all the decorations for another year. The more the merrier and the more quickly we can get the job done.

**2017 Envelopes and Calendars.** The 2017 collection envelopes are in the narthex. Please be sure to take a box for your weekly contribution to support the work of the parish. Please complete the form on the table so that we can be sure to have a correct address for the 2016 tax record for donations; statements will be mailed by the end of January.



Next year’s calendars will be here shortly. 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.

## A New Year’s Resolution

*At this time of year, many of us think of ways we can improve our daily lives. While New Year’s resolutions are not particularly a feature of Eastern spirituality, change definitely is, and resolving to change is certainly part of our spiritual growth. Here are a few suggestions which every Eastern Christian can resolve for 2017 ... just pick one to start!*

- + Make every effort to come to Divine Liturgy weekly, be on time, and participate fully; this is where we encounter God in all his majesty, glory, fatherhood and compassion ... face to face!
- + Get to know God better: attend Adult Education and bring your children to weekly Catechism.
- + Begin each day with the “Our Father” and spend a few minutes talking with God before retiring; take 10 minutes to read the Scriptures for the coming Sunday (they are listed on the calendar);
- + Read the Psalter, pick your favorite psalm (short or long), memorize it and make it your own every day; psalms are very powerful prayers since they are from the Word of God;
- + Make confession part of your regular spiritual life, especially during the times of fasting;
- + Read a spiritual book for your journey; our clergy will be glad to recommend one for you;
- + Volunteer to help out at the parish; not only does it help us be grateful for what God has given us, it also sets an example of “belonging” to and caring for our spiritual home, the Church.