



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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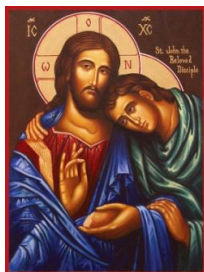
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Divine Liturgy	Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
Confessions	Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
Collection	Last week: \$1,995.00 . God bless you for your generosity.
Capital Campaign	Pledges to Date: \$13,912.00 · Received to Date: \$12,532.00



Thought for the Week...

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy. Thomas Merton

Theophany Water. On the feast of Theophany, water was blessed and sanctified. Holy water is available from the font in front of the iconostasis for all to take home for use within the family. Holy water bottles are available at the Gift Bar if needed at a cost of \$3.00/bottle.

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



2017 Envelopes and Calendars. The 2017 collection envelopes are in the narthex. We still have parishioners who have not yet collected their box for 2017. Please be sure to pick up your envelopes and complete the form on the table so that we have a correct address for the 2016 tax statement for donations.

The 2017 calendars are in the narthex. Please take one per family to know the weekly scripture readings, the Sunday tones and the days of fasting throughout the year.

Eastern Christian Life (ECL). Our eparchial newspaper is mailed monthly to all parishioners of record. The parish is billed by the Eparchy **\$12.00 per family**. (The \$5.00 indicated on the envelope is a misprint.) Please return your subscription payment in the special envelope provided.

Eastern Christian Formation "Sunday School". Sunday school will resume on **January 22, 2017** and run through March 26, 2017 with classes immediately following Divine Liturgy; there will not be a class on Sunday, February 19. If your children did not participate in the first semester, but you would like to have them participate this semester, please let Deacon James or Karen Madrigal know so that we may order the necessary educational materials.



Pew Books for Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy is the most significant and important act of our lives as Eastern Catholics. It is the center of our life where we encounter God, one on one, in all his majesty, glory, love and compassion; it is where we find each other in our communion with the Holy Trinity. Through our reception of Holy Eucharist we are nourished and strengthened in God's forgiveness of sins and promise of everlasting life. The word "Liturgy" means the "work of the people"; full participation of the faithful is a major aspect of Eastern liturgy. This is so important that a priest cannot offer the Liturgy by himself; there must be people present. For us, active participation is not an option; it is our duty, our privilege and our honor.

In order for us to more fully participate in the Divine Liturgy, the parish has purchased enough green pew books so that everyone has a copy to use. Deacon James will be conducting a learning session on **Sunday, February 5, 2017**, following the Divine Liturgy for all those who would like to better learn how to effectively use the pew book and the liturgical calendar. We are also working on ways to better communicate the proper tones with page numbers and hymns each Sunday. Let's all work together to join the heavenly choirs and raise our voices in joyous song to our God!

Sing a new song to the Lord! Let all the earth sing to the Lord. (Psalm 96:1)

"Seek first to build the Kingdom of God." Matthew 6:38



A Reflection: As Catholics we hold firm that the Church is the perfect model for a Christian family. As with any family, we are called to support our parish home and to pull together our resources to ensure that the needs of both the parish and her members are fully taken care of. Our responsibility as parishioners and as good Catholics is multi-leveled: we come together to worship God and to receive the Sacraments, to donate our time and talents to God's Church, to come together in fellowship to support each other as God's family, and to financially support our mission to spread the Gospel and to build up God's Kingdom on earth.

Everything that we are and everything that we have is a gift from God; it is important that each and every one of us, to the very best of our ability, return a portion of our gifts to His service in thanksgiving. Our weekly support and "tithing" are one of the ways we remain in good-standing as practicing Catholics. The parish needs the financial support of all its members. This will enable us to answer our Lord's call, to responsibly meet our obligations for the present and future work of Epiphany and to beautify God's holy Temple. This is an intrinsic part of our Catholic faith and way of life. Please remember your envelopes and sow the seeds of the Kingdom.

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