

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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April 30, 2017 + Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women

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: **\$2,113.00**. God bless you for your continued generosity.

Sunday Readings

Apostolic Letter: Acts 6:1-7 + Gospel: John 15:43-16:8

Sacramental Needs

Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401



The Light of the East ...

God is Beauty and the Divine Liturgy must be an expression of that beauty. The Divine Liturgy of the Eastern Church is more than just a sacred ritual, it is a spiritual dance, choreographed to bring men and women closer to God in order to gain a deeper understanding of their relationship with Him. It is an elaborate action of how the Uncontainable Beauty came to be contained in the womb of a woman, to be born and dwell among men, in order to unite humanity with

Ultimate Beauty ... with Ultimate Unity. It is through the beauty of the Divine Liturgy, its vestments, rituals, incense, songs, processions, candles, icons and golden vessels that the faithful seek to be unified with God, to become like Him. "Beauty is not an attribute of the creature or of creation but of the Kingdom of God, where God is all in all" (Vladimir Lossky).

Vasilios Avramidis, *On the Aesthetics of the Divine Liturgy*

Memory Eternal. We will serve a *Panachida* on **Sunday, April 30** for the blessed repose of the souls of +Edward and +Marie Klotz, the parents of our parishioner Ed Klotz.

Axios! Please remember in your prayers **Father Nicholas Dadonna** who was ordained to the sacred order of the Presbyterate by His Grace, Bishop Kurt, for our Eparchy on April 25, 2017.

Founders Day Committee. Honoring Our Past ... Building Our Future!

On this **Sunday, April 30** after the 10:00 Liturgy, the Founders Day Committee will have its first meeting to discuss preliminary ideas and plans for our 40th Anniversary Founders Day Celebration this fall. Please consider volunteering for this important committee which will be responsible for developing, implementing, promoting and coordinating this very important milestone in the life of Epiphany.



Grounds Committee. Next **Sunday, May 7** following the Divine Liturgy, the newly formed Grounds Committee will have its first meeting. Our grounds are in dire need of long overdue attention. All who can commit some time on a regular basis to meet are invited to be part of this important parish committee. **Epiphany is our parish and our responsibility as faithful parishioners. Everyone's input is important.** The committee's first goal is to assess the grounds to determine what can realistically be accomplished in the short term and then to develop a long term "care" plan to be submitted to the Administrator for review and implementation within our financial means. A welcoming visual exterior is often what invites those who seek God to enter and discover the celestial beauty and spiritual richness that await all who come to His holy altar.



Epiphany Altar Guild. All parishioners are invited to join the Altar Guild ... a volunteer ministry of service to God in His holy house. The Divine Liturgy begins and ends with the work of the Guild. To care for the vestments, the sacred vessels, the bread and the wine, the linens, candles, flowers and all the sacred items used for worship is far more than a task ... it is a great privilege and honored gift of time and talent to God. Our Holy Father Emeritus, Benedict XVI, wrote:

"Beauty is not mere decoration, but rather an essential element of the liturgical action, since it is an attribute of God himself and his revelation.

These considerations should make us realize the care which is needed, if the liturgical action is to reflect its innate splendor."

The service and contribution of the Altar Guild is both a sacred duty and important devotion to the greater glory of God. We hope to have enough volunteers, both men and women, to rotate so that a commitment by each member of the Guild is only required for one Saturday or Sunday a month. Please consider this great service to God and to the parish. See Father Deacon Michael for details.

Let Us Pray ...

For the Sick of our Parish: Andy Martin, Agnes Knoll, Coleen Kelly, Fr. Deacon James

Altar Lamp. During the month of May, the Divine Presence Lamp burns continuously before Our Lord in memory of and for the intentions of +Grandmother Regina, +Mother Regina, Regina B., Daughter Regina and Grand-daughter Regina by "Gina" Bridges. If you wish to have the Altar Lamp burn for your intentions, please see Deacon Michael.

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