

# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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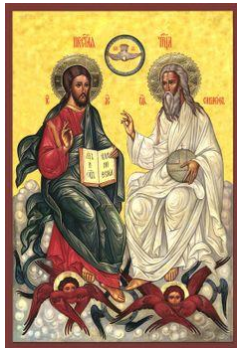
**May 7, 2017 + Sunday of the Paralytic**

**Divine Liturgy**  
**Confessions**  
**Collection**

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: **\$1,417.00**. God bless you for your continued generosity.

**Sunday Readings**  
**Sacramental Needs**

Apostolic Letter: Acts 9:32-42 + Gospel: John 5:1-15  
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## The Light of the East ...

*“Eastern Christians believe that time and space cease during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. They believe that while they are worshiping in the Church, they are surrounded by all the saints and the angels ... that they are united with all believers throughout the world and worship together with them. In the church and in the Divine Liturgy there is unity with all mankind, past, present, and future. Human beings are believed to be created in the image of God, but it is only in unity that this image is fully realized. Each individual human, although created in the image of God, is not the complete image; it is only together, in the unity of all mankind that the complete and beautiful image of God can be seen. This is why the Liturgy places such a strong emphasis on unity, because in unity there is beauty, and in beauty we see God.”*

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

**Synod of Catholic Bishops.** In preparation for the October, 2018 *Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, our Holy Father Francis has asked all Catholics, particularly our young people, to share with him and the bishops their hopes and struggles and even their criticisms. He wrote that the church wants “to listen to your voice, your

sensitivities and your faith, even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard; let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherd of souls.” To develop the talking points for the Synod’s working document, the Vatican has developed a short questionnaire which is on our Eparchy’s website [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com). Please take some time to read the questionnaire, to pray about it, and then to respond to the questions. Metropolitan William will be one of the Synod Fathers, representing the Byzantine Catholic Church in America.

**Grounds Committee.** This **Sunday, May 7** following the Divine Liturgy, our new Grounds Committee will have its first meeting. Our parish grounds are in dire need of long overdue attention. All are invited to be part of this important parish ministry. Our first goal is to assess the grounds to determine what we can realistically accomplish 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.



It takes a lot of time and work to maintain our church buildings and property. **Epiphany is our parish ... it is our home ... it is where we come together, united as God’s family to celebrate our life in Jesus Christ.** We need everyone’s gift of time and talent, no matter how small or how large, to make Epiphany a welcome site on Old Alabama Road that invites those who seek God to enter and discover the celestial beauty and spiritual richness of the Eastern Catholic Church and the eternal glory that awaits all who come to His holy altar. Please consider being a part of this all important parish committee which will work to develop an ongoing plan to meet our maintenance and landscaping needs. Everyone’s input is welcome and important.



**Epiphany Altar Guild.** All men and women of the parish are invited to join the Altar Guild ... a ministry of love to God in His holy house ... a sacred gift to the Most Holy Trinity to prepare the altar each week for the Divine Liturgy, 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. We hope to have enough volunteers 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.

**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 Father Deacon Michael.

*Let Us Pray ...*

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

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