

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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July 2, 2017 + 4th Sunday after Pentecost: Tone 3

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: \$1,016.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	Romans 6:18-23 + Matthew 8:5-13
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

The Light of the East ...

"In the immense cathedral which is the universe of God, each person, whether scholar or manual laborer, is called to act as the priest of his whole life-to take all that is human, and to turn it into an offering and a hymn of glory."

Paul Evdokimov

A July 4th Prayer for America

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith. Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Founders Day, Sunday October 1, 2017: Our 40th Anniversary

Honoring our past ... Building our future!

October 1977 marked the first meeting of fifty Byzantine Catholics from metro Atlanta which launched the first Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic parish in Georgia. To celebrate our 40th anniversary, our Founder's Day Celebration this year will be on **Sunday, October 1, 2017**, the feast of the **Protection of the Mother of God**, a special day beloved by all Byzantine Catholics. We have many ideas to make this a great and memorable day for our families, neighbors and former parishioners. Details need to be finalized soon. **We'll need lots of hands for setting up, promotion, preparing the grounds, etc. so be sure to sign up to volunteer when the time comes.** Let's make the *Light of the East* shine bright in Roswell!

If you can be on the steering committee, please see Fr. Deacon Michael. The committee will meet on Sunday, July 19, after the Liturgy, to share ideas and to put together a final program to present to Deacon James and the parish. This is Our Day ... let's make it great!

Altar Lamp. During the month of July, the Divine Presence Altar Lamp burns continuously before Our Lord for those who are sick and suffering, by Dan and Jane Cunningham. If you wish to have the Altar Lamp burn for your intentions, please see Father Deacon Michael.

Upon this Rock. In a U.S. Catholic reader survey, some interesting results came out which are worth contemplating as we build up Christ's church.

84% of those surveyed indicated that the number one factor and priority for them in choosing a parish is quality and integrity of liturgy and fidelity to Catholic teaching and 78% stated they look for more in a parish than just a "place" to attend Mass/Liturgy and to receive the sacraments;

Only 39% of respondents indicated they attend a parish close to their homes, indicating that the majority of Catholics are willing to travel to find a parish that meets their spiritual needs;

33% indicated they would travel more than 30 miles for a parish;

And the reason I stay in my current parish is ...

"I never leave without having been touched by God!"

