

# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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**August 13, 2017 + 10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Leave-Taking of the Transfiguration of our Lord (pp. 346-351)**

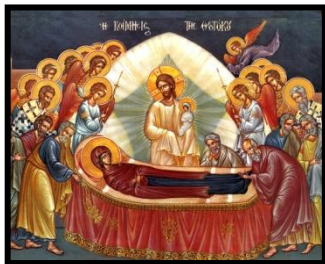
<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
<b>Collection</b>	Last week: <b>\$1,435.00</b> . God bless you for your continued generosity.
<b>Sunday Readings</b>	1 Corinthians 4:9-16 + Matthew 17:14-23a
<b>Sacramental Needs</b>	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

## The Light of the East ...

*"The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts."*

Saint John Chrysostom

**Eternal Memory.** Panachida will be served on Sunday, August 13, to commemorate the passing into eternal life of +**Bernie Garcia**, beloved father of Antonia Reidy. May his memory be eternal.



**Dormition of the Theotokos.** On **Tuesday, August 15**, the Church celebrates the "Falling Asleep" of the Mother of God. **Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:30 PM. This is a solemn day of precept ("obligation) for all Catholics.**

The passing of the Ever-Virgin Mary from life to death to eternal life in Her Son parallels our understanding of the Resurrection of Christ. She is our Lord's first and greatest disciple. God did not allow the body of His Mother, the very flesh which had given Christ flesh, to

know corruption. The Church Fathers have always held that a great honor was given to Mary, and now, she is glorified in heaven, in the body, as the first-fruit of the Resurrection. In His Mother, God has provided us with a sign of the Resurrection of all and a promise of our future glory. The

All-Immaculate Theotokos is the sign of every Christian's hope, the proof of Christ's merciful love, the first among the redeemed, the highest among our race, more honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim. On this day, the great feast of her "Dormition" we magnify her and stand among the generations which call her blessed.

Our Holy Tradition tells us that the Apostles, except Saint Thomas, were with the Mother of God as she reposed. When Thomas arrived, the other Apostles opened the tomb so that he could kiss her farewell. As the tomb was opened, the body of the Most Pure Virgin was missing, and the cave was filled with flowers and the sweet fragrance of Paradise. Thus, the Eastern Churches commemorate this event by filling our churches with fragrant flowers which are blessed and then taken home to place before the family's icon of Mary.



**Call for Altar Servers.** The parish is in need of servers in order to properly celebrate the liturgical services each week. To serve at God's Holy Table is one of the greatest honors we have; it brings the server into a more intimate union with our Lord, God and Savior. It is an extreme privilege to stand so close as our loving Savior, Jesus Christ, becomes truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity, just as He was at the Last Supper and Calvary. The altar server is a representative of the people of the parish, in a visible manner, as the awesome Eucharistic Mystery unfolds. What an honor to serve our Lord at this most praiseworthy gift of love.



Altar service requires work, dedication and commitment, but the spiritual rewards far outnumber the small sacrifices each week. Service is open to all males 8 years and older, including adult men.

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"* Isaiah 6:8

There will be an extensive series of training sessions on various Sundays before the Divine Liturgy. **The first session is scheduled for Sunday, August 27 at 9:15 AM.** We are asking all men and parents of the parish to pray for God's guidance to answer this call to service at the Holy Table. Please see Father Deacons James or Michael for more details.

**Church Cleaning Help Needed.** We are in need of persons who would be able to clean the church on a weekly rotation basis: the altar, nave, narthex, kitchen and restrooms. The schedule is very flexible. Please see Deacon James if you are able to assist the parish in this way.

**Altar Lamp.** During the month of August, the Divine Presence Altar Lamp burns continuously before Our Lord in memory of +**Linda Goodloe**, the mother of Susan Russo, and +**Mary Ellen Evan**, Nick Russo's aunt. May their memory be eternal. *Vičnaja pamjat.*

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