

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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September 3, 2017 + 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 4)

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: \$2,351.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	1 Corinthians 16:13-24 + Matthew 21:33-42
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

The Light of the East ...



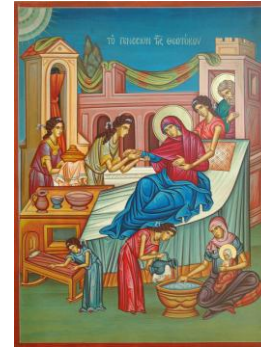
"No matter how much we may study, it is not possible to come to know God unless we live according to His commandment to love with mercy, for God is not known by science but by the Holy Spirit. It is one thing to believe that God exists and yet another to know Him. If someone has come to know God through the Holy Spirit, his soul will burn with love for God day and night, and his soul cannot be bound to any earthly thing."

Saint Silouan the Athonite, *Writings*, VIII.3

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECIAL DAY!
Founders Day, Sunday October 1, 2017: Our 40th Anniversary

+ + + HONORING OUR PAST ... BUILDING OUR FUTURE! + + +

Holy Day: Nativity of the Theotokos. Friday, **September 8**, the Church celebrates with universal joy the Birth of Our Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Mother of God; this feast is one of the twelve great feasts of the Eastern Church but not one of precept ("obligation"). Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin was born on this radiant day, having



been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Jesus Christ. The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change when the great promises of God for salvation from slavery to the devil were about to be fulfilled. This event brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

Since Mary is the mother of our Lord and Savior, in a way, she has become the mother of us all — for Mary herself notes "from henceforth all generations will call me blessed" (St. Luke 1:46-55). From the beginning of our salvation and redemption at the Annunciation, Mary has been hailed and blessed by angels and men as the mother of our Savior and redeemer. When we honor and praise her, we please her Son. Let us set aside some time in prayer and reflection this coming Friday to remember Mary's birthday, which marked the beginning of our redemptive arc.

Eastern Christian Formation. Sunday School for all the children of the parish begins **Sunday, September 17**, following Divine Liturgy. The Catholic Church places a great obligation for ongoing catechesis. Through our Eparchial program of Eastern Christian Formation, we, as a parish, impart to our children the lessons of the Catholic faith and our Byzantine spirituality. They learn the foundational and unique aspects of our faith as they begin the lifelong process of learning about their relationship with their Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. We urge all parents to be sure their children are enrolled in Sunday School and that every effort is made for regular attendance throughout the year. For any questions about the program, please see Karen Madrigal, who heads up our children's ECF Program.



**Train up a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he shall not depart from it.** Proverbs 22:6

Timberrrrrrrrrrr! On **Saturday, September 9 at 9:00 AM**, weather depending, friends from Saint Andrew's have offered to help us prune back (not cut down) the trees on Old Alabama Road which are blocking access to our sign. St. Andrew's has the polesaw; all we need is some muscle and a pickup truck to haul off the branches. The recent rains have really caused the weeds and growth to go wild since our last cleanup day. So we need to start cleaning up the property over the next few Saturdays in preparation for Founders Day. The more the merrier ... and the faster we can get done. Please help us out and drop by the church so we can shout out: **"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!"**



Altar Lamp. In September, the Divine Presence Altar Lamp burns in loving memory of **+John and Mary Evanco**, the parents of Carol Evanco. May their memory be eternal. *Vičnaja pamjat.*

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