

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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September 10, 2017 + Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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: \$1,724.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	Galatians 6:11-18 + John 3:13-17
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401



The Light of the East ...

"Far be it for me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14). Truly this symbol is a despicable thought; but it is only so in the world's reckoning and among men; in Heaven and among the faithful it is the highest glory. That Christ for my sake took on Himself the form of a slave, and bore His sufferings for me the slave, the enemy, the unfeeling one; yes, He so loved me as to give Himself up to a curse for me. What can be comparable to this?"

Saint John Chrysostom, Homilies on Galatians

Hurricane Harvey Collection. At the request of His Grace, Bishop Kurt, there will be a second collection this weekend for those so seriously affected by the recent hurricane which struck the coast of Texas. Please also remember in your prayers the victims of Hurricane Irma which has left thousands homeless and without life-sustaining resources.

Eastern Christian Formation. **Sunday School** for all the children of the parish begins next **Sunday, September 17**, following Divine Liturgy. Through the Eastern Christian Formation program, our children learn the foundational and unique aspects of our Catholic faith and Byzantine spirituality. Parents are urged 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.

Founders Day Food Committee. There will be a very important meeting of the Food Committee next **Sunday, September 17**, following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Grounds Cleanup. In preparation for Founders Day we will have another grounds cleanup on **Saturday, September 23**, starting at 9:30 AM. Our cleanup day back in June was a huge success, but all the rains this summer have caused the overgrowth to flourish. Lunch will be provided. Please help us beautify our church property to make our 40th anniversary a really great day.

A special thanks goes out to Deacon Tom Gotschall of Saint Andrew's and all those who helped with the tree pruning this past Saturday. Now our sign is more visible for passersby.

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

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

FINAL DETAILS

This week's bulletin insert gives all the program details of our 40th anniversary celebration. We are expecting around 125-130 people, which include all of us, former parishioners and some of our many friends from St. Andrew's, St. Brigid's and St. Mary's Orthodox Church.

Our focus this year is to make this day both a spiritual and a fun-filled family-centered event for all. Our picnic and all activities will be on the front lawn. Our special guest will be Father Robert Evancho from Saint Petersburg, Florida, who was our first pastor in 1979. October 1st is also the feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, so we will honor Mary in a special way and ask her protection for our church and our families.

- ❖ **So that all can participate in our Founders Day anniversary, there will be NO evening liturgy on Saturday, September 30.**
- ❖ The parish will provide the main dishes, sides and drinks; however, all are welcome to bring an additional favorite side to share. Remember, we have very limited resources for heating food or keeping it cold; there are no electrical outlets for crock pots in the food service area.
- ❖ Since desserts will not be provided by the parish, we are asking each family to bring a favorite cake, fruit plate or other sweet for the dessert table to share with everyone.
- ❖ There will be plenty of seating under the tent, however, if you want to enjoy the day on the lawn, please feel free to bring your lawn chairs or blankets.
- ❖ We will need volunteers for setup on Saturday and breakdown and cleanup on Sunday; please see Deacon James for details.

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

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September 1, 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary on **Sunday, October 1, 2017**. This day is also the celebration of the *Protection of the Mother of God*, a feast day beloved by all Byzantine Catholics.

In October 1977 a group of 50 Byzantine Catholics from metro Atlanta and North Georgia gathered for a celebration of the Divine Liturgy. This bright day launched the beginning of the first Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic parish in Georgia. His Grace, Bishop +Michael Dudick, of blessed memory, placed the new mission under the patronage of Saint John the Forerunner and dedicated it as Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church.

Throughout our 40 years, Epiphany of Our Lord has continued to grow, remaining constant and faithful to its Byzantine tradition and heritage. The diversity and universality of the Catholic Church is reflected in our many families who represent the Ruthenian, Ukrainian, Melkite, Maronite, Chaldean, Syro-Malabar, Armenian, Roman Catholic and other faith traditions. The parish welcomes all who seek to grow in faith and service to Jesus Christ, the Lover of All Mankind.

This festive day will be a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God and a day for us to renew our love for our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. It is also a day we have dedicated to the family with an all-American picnic lunch, games and activities for everyone, clowns and balloons for the children and just a fun filled day of Christian fellowship.

Our guest of honor will be our first pastor Father Robert Evancho, who now serves as pastor of Saint Therese of Lisieux Byzantine Catholic Church in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Mark your calendars now and plan to be with us. Our program of events for the day is enclosed. Bring your families and friends; come share with us in this all important day in the life of our parish family.

Yours in Christ and the Theotokos,

The Pastoral Team of Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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40th Anniversary Celebration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

- 10:00 AM** The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom *
Blessing of the Icon of The Protection of the Theotokos
Panachida (Memorial) for Deceased Parishioners and Families
- 11:30 AM** Procession with the festal Icon to the picnic area
- 11:45 AM** Welcome from Fr. Deacon James Smith, Parish Administrator
- 12:00 PM** All-American Picnic Lunch with a touch of Eastern European fare
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad
Kielbasa & Sauerkraut, Slavic Veggies, Chips, Beverages,
Dessert Table, Snow Cones for the kids & more ...
- 1:00 PM** Fun and Game Time
Volleyball, badminton, corn hole, potato-sack race; and for the
children: clowns, music, magic show, face-painting & balloons
- 1:45 PM** Tour of the Church and the Icons for Visitors
- 2:45 PM** Procession with the festal Icon to the Church
- 3:00 PM** Moleben to the Most Blessed and Ever-Virgin Mary
To place ourselves and our families under her protection

* There will be no Saturday evening Liturgy, September 30

