

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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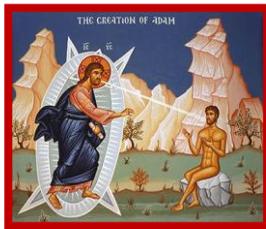
September 24, 2017 + 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7

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: \$3,160.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	2 Corinthians 6:1-10 + Luke 5:1-11 (<i>Lucan Jump 18th Sunday</i>)
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

The Light of the East ...

“Never confuse the person, formed in the image of God, with the evil that may be in him; because evil is but a chance misfortune, an illness, a devilish reverie. But the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement.”

John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt



Byzantine Catholic Phone App. Our Eparchy of Parma has launched a free smartphone App for Apple iOS and Android. It includes the daily Epistle and Gospel, the daily Troparion and Kontakion, a biography of the Saint of the day, reflections, news, and other helpful information to help us on our spiritual journey. Just go to www.parma.org and click on “Download our New App.”

ECF Sunday School. There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, October 1, so that all can participate in our 40th anniversary with Bishop Kurt. Classes will resume on Sunday, October 8.

Saturday Liturgy. Reminder: there will be no Divine Liturgy this Saturday, September 30.

Parish Grounds. The entire parish extends its thanks and appreciation to all those men, women and children who have worked so hard over the last few months to clean up our parish grounds. We have limited funds and a lot of property; it takes a lot of work to maintain it. The dedication and hard work of these individuals is a true blessing for our parish.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to **4 Seasons Landscape Group** who has donated the time and labor of its crew, at no cost to us, to help with a major cleanup of the area surrounding the church itself and the frontage on Old Alabama Road. Please keep these friends in your prayers.

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

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that "the parish is where the Church lives ... [it is] where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church ... where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life" (Communities of Salt and Light, p. 1).

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we, the parish family of Epiphany of Our Lord, have been so blessed by God to have come from our small beginnings to where we are today: an incredible group of people of all ages and faith traditions, all who love the Most Holy Trinity, the Theotokos, the Saints, the liturgy and spirituality of the Byzantine Catholic Church, and especially each other.

God gave us a challenge when a group of 50 Byzantine Catholics, with the blessing of Bishop +Michael of blessed memory, came together in October 1977 to lay the groundwork for this church. Some of those founders are still with us, and will be with us next Sunday; others have moved on to another state or to their eternal reward. For these great “pioneers” we are eternally grateful and ask God to continue to bless them and to keep those now with Him in His eternal memory.

To commemorate this important milestone, our 40th anniversary, the Founders Day Committee has done an exceptional job in planning everything. This year promises to be very special with an old-fashioned American picnic under a tent on the front lawn with fun and games for our families and children. Most importantly we will begin with Our Lord’s Holy Table; Bishop Kurt will be with us to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and a Panachida to remember our departed parishioners and family members. The presence of our Shepherd among us will truly make this a most blessed day.

We will also place our parish under the Protection of our Most Blessed Mother, whose feast day is next Sunday. After Liturgy we will process with her icon to the picnic area and enthrone it. As our day began with Jesus, our day will end with His Mother as we celebrate a Moleben to the Theotokos.

We also will have a tour of the church and our new icons for visitors. So plan to spend the day; bring all the family and your friends to share this blessed day with us. If you don’t already have some flyers, be sure to pick them up in the narthex to share with your friends.

As we honor our past, let’s work together to build our future. We have a precious jewel in our Byzantine way of life. Let us go forward as a beacon of hope, as the Light of the East; with God’s help, let us shine brightly with the love that we share in our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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