

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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October 8, 2017 + 18th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

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| 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: \$3,276.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity. |
| Sunday Readings | 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 + Luke 7:11-16 (<i>Lucan Leap for 20th Sunday</i>) |
| Sacramental Needs | Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401 |



The Light of the East ...

“God, in the creation of the human person, united the spiritual and the material, the invisible and the visible elements of the created world. He formed man as a second cosmos, a great universe within a little one. The greatness of the human beings lies not in his likeness to the created world but in being in the image of the nature of the Creator.”

Saint Gregory of Nazianzus (320-389 AD) *Orations*

Parish Financial Report. Fr. Robert Evancho, Syncellus of the Southern Deanery, recently reviewed our financial records for 2016 and has approved them for presentation to the faithful of the parish. Next Sunday, **October 15**, following the Divine Liturgy, the 2016 year-end report will be offered followed by a time for questions. We will release the 2017 report in January, 2018.

Adult Education. On each Sunday after the Divine Liturgy starting next week, **October 22** through November 19, Fr. Deacon James will teach the first part of an introductory class on the **Pentateuch**, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible. Come hear some of the stories of the Old Testament. The good times, the bad times! What was God trying to tell us? How does this Scripture speak to you? How does the Pentateuch relate to the New Testament? Let's find out together! This second part of the class will resume in the spring. To get started read Genesis chapters 1-11. See everyone there on the 22nd!



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

Altar Servers. Altar Server training will resume this **Sunday, October 8 at 9:15 AM** and will continue the remaining Sundays of October. It is an extreme privilege to stand so close to the Holy Table as our loving Savior, Jesus Christ, becomes truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity. Altar service is open to all males age 8 and above. Please see one of our Deacons for details.

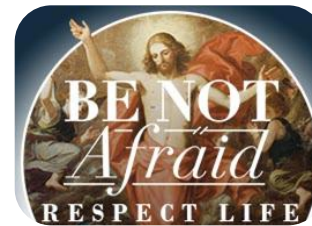
Tree Maintenance. Trees for certain always make a landscape more attractive; however, without regular maintenance they become overgrown and unstable, cause structural damage and create safety hazards, especially when the root systems are shallow like those of pine trees. The trees on our property have dramatically matured since the days the church was built 37 years ago; they are now at the point that they need to be seriously addressed since they have not been regularly maintained over the years.



When left without any maintenance, trees grow more densely than is healthy for them. When its canopy is too thick with leaves and branches, this can affect the plant's health by preventing enough sunlight from reaching where it should and by stifling air circulation which cuts down on tree diseases. We have been strongly advised by the steeple repair company that the trees surrounding the church need to be addressed as soon as possible to keep animals off the roof and causing more damage. After the extensive and costly steeple work which was just completed, we need to make every effort to minimize any future damage to the structures. There are also many trees near the church which are diseased and are in danger of falling on the church and the rectory.

With the recommendation and approval of our Syncellus and the professional advice of a tree specialist, we have developed a much needed tree maintenance plan which will be implemented over the next year. The first phase is scheduled for the upcoming week when we will address the diseased and overhanging trees around the church and rectory.

Respect Life Month The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has set aside this month to focus our attention on the wondrous and precious gift of human life.



In today's society when abortion, murder, physician assisted suicide and euthanasia are becoming everyday occurrences, there's no shortage of reasons why the world cries out to God in pain and suffering. Cardinal Timothy Dolan reminds us that while "we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances ... we have an anchor of hope to cling to [in Jesus Christ]." This month, let's commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that the world will cease its senseless destruction of human life. Only the One Who created life can supply the answers the world so desperately needs. Let's walk with each other; let's help each other embrace God's gift of human life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone ... let's not be afraid ... God is with us.

Altar Lamp. During the month of October, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in loving memory of +**Edward Yurchik**, husband of Betty Yurchik. Eternal memory. *Vičnaja pamjat'.*