

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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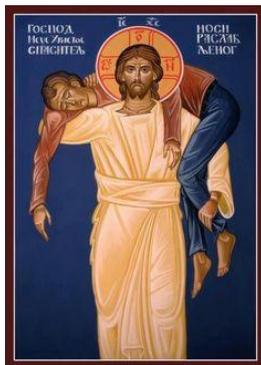
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October 15, 2017 + 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

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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: \$2,017.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity. |
| Sunday Readings | 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 + Luke 8:5-15 (<i>Lucan Leap for 21st Sunday</i>) |
| Sacramental Needs | Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401 |



The Light of the East ...

“The Church is a hospital, not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins. The Lord is calling you to the Church for a rich banquet. He transfers you from struggles to rest and from tortures to relief. He relieves you from the burden of your sins. He heals worries with thanksgiving, and sadness with joy. No one is truly free or joyful except the one who lives for Christ. Such a person overcomes all evil and does not fear anything!”

St John Chrysostom

Parish Financial Report. This **Sunday, October 15**, after the Divine Liturgy, the 2016 year-end financial report will be given to the parish; there will be time for questions and answers. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Adult Education. Beginning next **Sunday, October 22** and each Sunday through November 19 after the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Deacon James will offer the first part of an introductory class on the **Pentateuch**. The first five books of the Hebrew Bible are the foundation for the rest of Sacred Scripture. Not only are the doctrines of creation, sin, redemption and the moral law of God

revealed in these books, but these exciting, riveting and heart pounding Scriptures reveal to us the eternal Covenant and relationship which God has with His people. The **Books of Moses**, as the Pentateuch is also called, are tremendously important cosmically, historically, religiously, and practically; they embody timeless truths for everyday living. The Pentateuch forms the introduction of God’s revealed plan for man’s redemption.

From Genesis through Deuteronomy, the foundation is laid for us to understand the relation between God as a loving and just Father and his creation, the problem of sin, the development of God’s plan in Israel, and the redemptive wisdom of God which He has made known through the church. By our not knowing the Old Testament, we not only rob ourselves of the vital truth of God’s plan for our salvation and redemption, but we also rob ourselves of the canvas upon which the Holy Spirit paints Christ in the New Testament.

We encourage everyone to join us on these Sunday’s for 45 minutes after Liturgy as we begin our walk through of God’s holy Word to humanity. Let’s see together what we can learn about Him. To get started please read Genesis chapters 1-11. See everyone next week!

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’.*

India Festival 2017. Our very dear and special friends next door at St. Mary’s Orthodox Church will have their annual **India Festival** on the parish grounds on Saturday, **October 28th, from 9AM – 8PM**. Fr. Matthew has invited all of us to join his parish in this celebration of Indian food, culture, music, dance, sports and tradition. This is a wonderful family fall day and we hope many of our parishioners will show Epiphany’s support for our brothers and sisters in Christ ... see you all there!



Proud to be Byzantine Catholic. Be sure to check in with the gift counter in the narthex for our new line of T-shirts and polo shirts for adults and children. They come in a variety of colors and sizes. Each has a distinctive Byzantine logo which will certainly be a great lead-in for an informative and interesting conversation with friends and neighbors about our wonderful Eastern Christian traditions and spirituality. And every t-shirt or polo shirt purchased also helps to support the parish. So spread the Good News ... the **Light of the East** is here! We will be taking orders over the next few weeks.

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”.



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