

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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November 19, 2017 + 24th 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: \$1,862.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	Ephesians 2:14-22 + Luke 12:16-21 (<i>Lucan Leap for 26th Sunday</i>)
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

During the month of November, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for the family and friends of Randy and Karen Rapach.



Saint John Chrysostom, Homily 25 on the Gospel of St. Matthew

The Light of the East ...

“Let us give thanks to God continually. For, it is outrageous that when we enjoy His benefaction to us in deed every single day, we do not acknowledge the favor with so much as a word; and this, when the acknowledgment confers great benefit on us. He does not need anything of ours, but we stand in need of all things from Him. In point of fact, thanksgiving adds nothing to Him, but it brings us closer to Him.”

Adult Education. Fr. Deacon James concludes his introduction to the *Pentateuch* after the Divine Liturgy this Sunday, November 19. He will continue with Part II starting in January. These first five books of the Old Testament form the introduction of God’s revealed plan for man’s redemption. From Genesis through Deuteronomy, the foundation is laid for the reader to understand the relation of God to man, 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.

Memory Eternal. The Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 19, will be offered for the repose of the soul of Fr. Deacon Michael’s mother, +Rose, on the one year anniversary of her entrance into eternal life. Eternal memory and blessed repose. *Vičnaja pamját.*



It’s that time of year again ... so let’s all get together on **Saturday, December 2 at 9:30 AM** to decorate the church with boughs of holly and wreaths of gladness for the glorious Nativity of Our Lord. Come one come all! We need lots of volunteers and strong arms to climb the ladders, to hang the trimmings, to set up the holiday finery and to arrange the festive halls! Let’s get together as a great Christian family to beautify our Father’s house and to set up for the celebrations ... the more the merrier. Refreshments will be provided.

Our Saint Nicholas pot-luck luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, December 10**. Please sign up in the narthex to bring your favorite dishes and desserts to share. And remember Saint Nicholas promises to be here with his special goodies for our little ones

There will not be a 5:30 PM vigil Divine Liturgy on Saturday, December 9.

We will set up the church for the luncheon on Saturday, December 9 at 9:30 AM; Reader John will be the coordinator for this day so please see him if you can help out for an hour or so. Shirley Spontak is this year’s Saint Nicholas Luncheon Chairperson; please see her to offer to help out on Sunday, December 10 with the luncheon and for the visit of Saint Nicholas.

Angel Tree and Toys-for-Tots. In the spirit of charity and almsgiving during our observance of the Phillip Fast, the collection of gifts for our parish outreach for the lonely and often forgotten during the holiday season begins next week. For any questions or to help with either program, please see Shirly Spontak, this year’s coordinator.

Blessed Thanksgiving. From the parish pastoral team, a Happy and Holy Thanksgiving to all our parishioners and friends. May God continue to bless each of you with his love and grace.

When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God’s feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator.”

+ St. Basil the Great, from *Homily V. In martyrem Julittam*

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