

# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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**November 26, 2017 + 25th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8**

<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
<b>Collection</b>	Last week: <b>\$1,431.00</b> . God bless you for your continued generosity.
<b>Sunday Readings</b>	Ephesians 4:1-6 + Luke 13:10-17 ( <i>Lucan Leap for 27th Sunday</i> )
<b>Sacramental Needs</b>	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.



## The Light of the East ...

**“If you give something to one in need, let the cheerfulness of your face precede your gift, and comfort his sorrow with kind words. When you do this, by your gift the gladness of his mind surpasses even the needs of his body.”**

Saint Isaac the Syrian, *Aescetical Homilies*

## Holiday Divine Liturgy Schedule

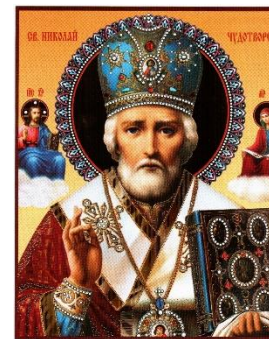
December 9 (Saturday)	No Liturgy
December 10 (Sunday)	10:00 AM – <i>Saint Nicholas Luncheon follows</i>
December 23 (Saturday)	No Liturgy
December 24 (Sunday)	10:00 AM – <i>Sunday before Christmas</i>
December 24 (Sunday)	9:00 PM – <i>Christmas Eve</i>
December 25 (Monday)	10:00 AM – <i>Christmas Day</i>

The morning Liturgy of December 24 fulfills the obligation for Sunday but does not fulfill the obligation for Christmas Day, which is a Holy Day of Precept. Likewise, the evening Liturgy of December 24 fulfills the obligation for Christmas, but not for Sunday. To fulfill our Catholic obligation for Sunday and Holy Days, you should plan to attend Sunday morning AND Sunday evening, OR Sunday morning AND Monday morning.

**Deck the Halls ...** Come one ... come all! This **Saturday, December 2 at 9:30 AM** to decorate the church with boughs of holly and wreaths of gladness. 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! Refreshments will be provided.

On **Sunday, December 3**, after the Divine Liturgy, please see Reader John to help set-up tables and chairs for our Saint Nicholas luncheon.

**Angel Tree and Toys-for-Tots.** This weekend begins our “almsgiving” outreach for our parish observance of the Phillip Fast. Remember to bring in a new and packaged toy for a child or a “stocking stuffer” from the Angel Tree for the elderly residents in the assisted living facility at Saint George’s Village. For any questions or to help with either program, please see Shirley Spontak, this year’s coordinator.



**Saint Nicholas.** Our annual parish luncheon for the feast of Saint Nicholas is Sunday, December 10, after the Divine Liturgy here in the parish narthex. And don’t forget, a visit from Saint Nicholas for our little ones is always a promise.

Shirley Spontak has volunteered to coordinate the luncheon and events of the day. Please see her to volunteer to help out in any way you can.

Also, please remember to sign up on the sheets in the narthex indicating the “pot luck” dish you will bring to share. Our cooking facilities are very limited; if you are bringing hot items, it would be best to have them in a crock pot for easy heating.

**Love One Another!** This year, as we conclude our observance of the Philip’s Fast in preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord, we as a parish family plan to visit the assisted living facility of nearby Saint George’s Village after the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, December 17**. We will deliver our stocking stuffers, visit awhile with those who are so often forgotten, bring some holiday cheer with the singing of Christmas carols and holiday treats ... and especially we want to let the elderly residents know that God loves them and so does Epiphany of Our Lord. Please plan to join us for a short time to bring joy into these lonely hearts. It would be especially wonderful to have as many of our children as possible be a part of this wonderful expression of our faith and the Gospel of Love. And we’re pretty sure Saint Nicholas may just stop by too!



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