

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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December 24, 2017 + Sunday before Christmas and of the Ancestors

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: \$2,822.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 + Matthew 1:1-25
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

During the month of December, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for Barbara Bates' parents +Michael and +Madelyn Wasilnak and sister +Elaine Helen Getz.



The Light of the East ...

I behold a new and wondrous mystery. My ears resound to the Shepherd's song, chanting full forth a heavenly hymn. The archangels blend their voice in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt His glory. He Who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised. This day He Who is, is Born; and He Who is, becomes what He was not. For when He was God, He became man; yet not departing from the Godhead that is His. Nor yet by any loss of divinity became He man, nor through increase became He God from man; but being the Word He became flesh, His nature remaining unchanged.

Saint John Chrysostom

Christmas Divine Liturgy Schedule

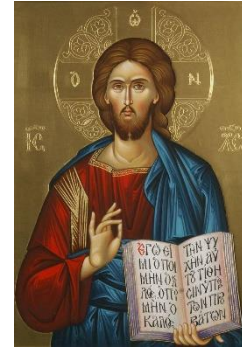
December 24 (Sunday)	9:00 PM – Christmas Eve Liturgy
December 25 (Monday)	10:00 AM – Christmas Day Liturgy

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

At this most holy time of the year, may the Joy, Peace, Hope and Love of our Lord God and Savior's holy birth according to the flesh be with each one of you, our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ.

Christ is born! Glorify Him! Christos Raždajetsja! Slavite Jeho!

Merry Christmas from the Pastoral Staff of Epiphany Of Our Lord



Behold the Joy of the Lord! Our Philip Fast Outreach to Saint George Village last Sunday was a tremendous success and a wonderful blessing for both the residents and our parish. Over 35 parishioners participated with over 55 stocking stuffer gifts, carols, dance, holiday cookies and plenty of Christian love and compassion.

May those who reside at Saint George always know that they will have a special place in our hearts and our prayers. We look forward to more opportunities as a parish to bring the Love of Christ to the world, to spread the good news of His Gospel and to share the rich traditions and treasures of the Eastern Catholic Church. Please see Fr. Deacons James or Michael to share thoughts and ideas for our next Outreach during the Great Fast.

Theophany of our Lord: Parish Patronal Feast. Saturday, **January 6**, is the great celebration of **Theophany**, the second greatest feast after Pascha in the Eastern Church and even more important than the Nativity. Our Lord's Theophany is the culmination and fulfillment of Christmas. His birth according to the flesh was the revelation of the God-man, while the Theophany (or Epiphany) is the revelation of His divinity and the manifestation of the Most Holy Trinity.

This is a day of precept (holyday of obligation) for all Byzantine Catholics. The Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water will be celebrated at **10:00 AM**. After Liturgy, we will also celebrate our patronal feast day with a catered parish brunch in the narthex. Be sure to sign up next week so we can order food accordingly.

**** Annual "State of the Parish" Meeting. **** On **Sunday, January 28, 2018**, we will have our **Annual Parish Meeting** following the Divine Liturgy. The purpose of the meeting will be to distribute the 2017 financial statements and to talk about the spiritual, financial and major capital needs of the parish for 2018 and beyond. There are important issues which need to be discussed and for which we need everyone's involvement. This is an open meeting for all parishioners; all are welcome to speak and to be heard. **This is an extremely important meeting so all are strongly urged to attend. Epiphany is our parish and it's future belongs to us!**

