

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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December 31, 2017 + Sunday after the Nativity

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: \$2,662.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	Galatians 1:11-19 + Matthew 2:13-23
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 ...

“The person who has come to know the weakness of human nature has gained experience of divine power. Such a person never belittles anyone. . . . He knows that God is like a good and loving physician who heals with individual treatment each of those who are trying to make progress.”

St. Maximos the Confessor, 7th century

Contribution Envelopes and Calendars. The 2018 weekly contribution envelopes are in the narthex. Please be sure to pick up a box as you leave today. **Please also remember to be sure and write your name on the outside of the envelopes the first few time you use them so we can record the number in your file to ensure you receive proper credit on your annual contribution record for tax purposes.**

Calendars are also available today in the narthex. Please take one per family. The calendars are a very useful tool at home in order to know the weekly readings, the saints commemorated, the holy days and fasting periods of the Church year.

Theophany Liturgy Schedule

January 6 (Saturday)	10:00 AM – <i>Theophany</i> : Holy Day of Obligation Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Water, Parish Feast Day Breakfast
January 6 (Saturday)	5:30 PM – <i>Sunday after Theophany</i> (Vigil Liturgy)
January 7 (Sunday)	10:00 AM – <i>Sunday after Theophany</i>

The morning Liturgy of Saturday, January 6 for the Feast of the Theophany fulfills the obligation for the Holy Day of Precept but not the obligation for Sunday, January 7. Likewise, the evening Liturgy of Saturday, January 6 fulfills the obligation for Sunday, but not for the Holy Day. **To fulfill our obligation for Theophany and Sunday, you should attend EITHER Saturday morning AND Saturday evening, OR Saturday morning AND Sunday morning.**



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 Holy Trinity.

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 breakfast in the narthex. Be sure to sign up with the Deacons after Liturgy today so we can order food accordingly.

**** Annual “State of the Parish” Meeting. **** On **Sunday, January 28, 2018**, we will have our **Annual Parish Meeting** after the Divine Liturgy. The purpose of the meeting will be to distribute the 2017 financial statements and to talk about the financial position and spiritual growth of the parish as well as the major capital and maintenance needs which we are now facing after 35 years. These are important issues which need to be discussed and for which we need everyone's involvement. This is an extremely important and open meeting for all parishioners; all are urged to attend and are welcome to speak and to be heard. **God has entrusted Epiphany to each of us. It is our parish; each and every one of us is responsible to God for its future!**

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