

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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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: \$1,467.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	Ephesians 4:7-13 + Matthew 4:12-17
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

During the month of January, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle in memory of +Rose Tisma by her son, Fr. Deacon Michael. *Vičnaja jeh pamjat.*

The Light of the East ...

“Leave the senses and the workings of the intellect, and all that the senses and the intellect can perceive, and all that is not and that is; and through unknowing reach out, so far as this is possible, towards oneness with him who is beyond all being and knowledge. In this way, through an uncompromising, absolute and pure detachment from yourself and from all things, transcending all things and released from all, you will be led upwards towards that radiance of the divine darkness which is beyond all being.”

St Dionysius the Areopagite”

Annual “State of the Parish” Meeting. Remember to mark your calendars! 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 openly discuss our financial position and the spiritual growth of the parish; in addition, we need to address the capital and major maintenance needs of our property which, after 35 years, are now before us. We also plan to “brainstorm” ways in which to grow the parish and to bring the “Light of the East” to those around



us. These are very important issues which need to be discussed and for which we need everyone’s involvement. This is an open meeting for all parishioners; please plan to attend and be heard.

God has entrusted Epiphany to each of us. We as a parish community are truly blessed with an incredible treasury of talent in our pews. Let’s use these resources to build up our Church and God’s Kingdom. It is our parish; we are one in the Holy Trinity with one faith, one church and one destiny. Each and every one of us is responsible to God for its future!

Contribution Envelopes and Calendars. The 2018 weekly contribution envelopes are in the narthex. Please be sure to pick up a box. **Please also remember to be sure and write your name on the outside of the envelopes the first few times 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.**

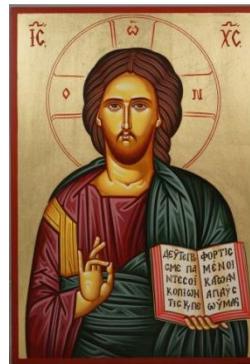


Calendars are also available in the narthex. Please take one per family. The calendars are a useful tool in order to know the weekly readings, the saints commemorated, the holy days and fasting periods of the Church year.

The 2017 individual contribution records for tax purposes will be mailed by the end of January.

God is with us ... S’namì Boh!

The New Year can often bring a mixed bag of emotions and memories for many of us. Some of us may have just experienced the best year ever and look forward to an even greater one ahead. Yet others among us may have just trudged through one deep struggle after another.



As sometimes as hard as it is to believe, the fresh year does bring a deep hope for things to be better, for the still-fresh wounds to slowly begin their process of healing. Whether you’ve just walked through the greatest year of your life or are incredibly glad to see this one finally over, one truth rings clear amidst it all. You are not alone. Not ever. Our God is a “with us” God.

We now bring to a close our celebrations of the birth and baptism of our King; however, let’s always remember that these festal days have the power to carry us right into a fresh and new start. Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us. He is the Son of God in whom His, and our, Father is very well pleased! And though things and people around us shift and change, our God never changes. He is always there and always with us.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my God, my stronghold in whom I take refuge, my shield, the glory of my salvation, and my strength.

Psalm 18:2

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