**Welcome to the *Light of the East - The Byzantine Lantern***

**\*\*\*Let Us Begin Again — Saint Francis of Assisi\*\*\***

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**Glory To Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!**

**\*\*\*Liturgical Schedule\*\*\***

**Saturday – 19 September 2015:** Vigil Divine Liturgy **The Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross** along with **The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** at **5:00 P.M.** The Changeable Propers for **Resurrection Tone Eight** may be found on pages **161-163** and **258-260** of the Green Book. The Intention for this Divine Liturgy is for the Parishioners, Families, Friends and Benefactors of The Church.

**Saturday – 26 September 2015**: Vigil Divine Liturgy for **The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** at **5:00 P.M.** The Changeable Propers **Resurrection Tone One** may be found on pages **125-127** of the Green Book. The Intention for this Divine Liturgy is for the Parishioners, Families, Friends and Benefactors of The Church.

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**\*\*\*Upcoming Weekday Divine Liturgy Schedule\*\*\***

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**1 October 2015:** **Solemn Holy Day** for **The Protection of the Theotokos-Divine Liturgy** at **9:00A.M.**

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The **Altar Candelabra Candles** for **September 2015** have been donated by **Mrs. Madge Pellior**.

The **Altar Candelabra Candles** for **October 2015** have been donated by **Mrs. Angela Kurty**.

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**Upcoming Event:**

**\*\*\*Parish Fall Harvest\*\*\***

**After Divine Liturgy Social is today**

**\*\*\*Saturday, 19 September 2015\*\*\***

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**\*\*\* Church Offerings \*\*\***

**September 2015: $1,490.00**

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**1 January through 31 August 2015: $27,755.48**

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Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support!

**And may God bless and love you!**

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**Upcoming Events**:

**4 – 8 October 2015**: Annual Archeparchial Presbyteral Retreat.

**14 November 2015 {sunset} – 24 December 2015** – The Philips Fast

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***\*\*\*25 December 2015\*\*\****

***Divine Liturgy for The Nativity of Christ at* 9:00 A.M.**

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**Witnessing for Christ**

Sharing the Truth in a world devoid of hope

 If you wish to share the truth of Byzantine Catholicism, and Christ Who is her head, you must give witness to the love of Christ by loving everyone.

**Without Christ:** Byzantine Catholicism is just another religion, devoid of the power to transform and deify the hearts of man.

**Without Christ:** The Byzantine Catholic Church is nothing but an institution of man, no different than a political party.

***For The Byzantine Catholic Church to be herself,***

***Christ must be visible in the love of her Archeparchs, Eparchs and Presbyters.***

***Christ must be visible in the love of her people***

***And the charity and kindness that is displayed by all***

***Who call themselves Byzantine Catholics.***

**Without Christ**: our world is devoid of hope, and for others to know this Christ, they must be able to see Him in us.

**The light of this very Christ:** must shine forth through the love of His Church and be made manifest in the works of His people.

**Without this love:** there is only darkness upon the face of our world, and the world will remain without hope.

 Others can not know they need Christ if they do not see Him in us. They do not know this Christ fills hearts and transforms lives if they do not see transformation in us.

***If we are fearful, angry, judgmental, arrogant or aloof,***

***The world will see nothing in our Byzantine Catholicism worthy seeking.***

***If others do not see in you a forgiving heart,***

***How will they know there is forgiveness in Christ?***

***If others do not see in you a heart filled with joy,***

***How will they know they need the very Christ***

***Whom you proclaim as your Lord and Savior?***

***If others see in you a judgmental, narrow minded, unhappy person,***

Why would they be drawn to The Byzantine Catholic Church you claim is the true faith?