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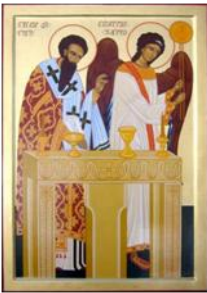
March 5, 2017 + Sunday of the Holy Images

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: \$2,148.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Capital Campaign	Pledges to Date: \$16,612.00 · Received to Date: \$15,802.00
Sunday Readings	Apostolic Letter: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2a + Gospel: John 1:43-51

Thought for the Week...

"Beauty is not mere decoration, but rather an essential element of the liturgical action, since it is an attribute of God Himself and His revelation. These considerations make us realize that the liturgical action must always reflect its innate splendor."

Benedict XVI, Pope Emeritus



Sacramental Needs. Please remember to call Deacon James at the parish office (770-993-0973) to arrange for all liturgy intentions (living and deceased), sick calls and holy communion for shut-ins, the sacraments of initiation, holy anointing and marriage, funerals and any other pastoral needs. If there is no answer on the office number, please be sure to leave a voice mail and Deacon James will call you back as quickly as possible. In the event of a sacramental emergency or if a person is in danger of death, please call Deacon James at 404-227-5401 at any hour day or night.



Adult Education. Our spring program, *Icons ... a Mystical Language* begins Sunday, **March 5**, following the Divine Liturgy. Icons are an integral part of Eastern Christian belief, tradition and worship; they are indispensable tools to aid us in our prayer life, spiritual growth and the understanding of our faith. To grasp their power and meaning takes study. Please join Father Deacon Michael each Sunday of the Great Fast as he takes us on a unique journey through the mystical language of icons.

Remember in your Prayers ... the sick of our parish, especially Cantor Steve Elkovich.

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

Ecumenical Gathering. On Monday, **March 6 at 7:00 PM** at the Cathedral of Christ the King (2699 Peachtree Road N.E.) His Excellency, Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Catholic Archbishop of Atlanta and His Eminence, Metropolitan Alexios, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta will offer a joint address on the theme: *"Sowing the Seeds of Hope: The Plight of Refugees and Migrants"*. Our parish has been invited to this important ecumenical dialogue of Christian values. Please see Deacon Candidate John Reed for details.



Change in Liturgical Calendar. The Divine Liturgies scheduled for the three remaining *All Souls Saturdays* and the *Solemnity of the Annunciation* have been canceled. Offerings which were given for these Divine Liturgy intentions will be returned.

Furniture Needed. The parish is in need of a traditional 4' long "sofa/console table" for use during Holy Week and the Paschal Season. If anyone has one for "loan" or wishes to donate to the parish one that is no longer needed in the home, please see Fr. Deacon Michael.



Historical Note. The theme of this Sunday since 843 has been the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday of the Great Fast. Ever since then, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of the Holy Images." The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches still stands at the foundation for using and venerating icons in the Church: *"We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerates in it the reality for which it stands"*.

+ THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR FOR THE GREAT FAST +

- + Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 PM: **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- + Friday, March 10, 6:30 PM: *The Way of the Disciple*, Spiritual Reading Book Club
- + Friday, March 10, 7:30 PM: **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- + Friday, March 10, 8:30 PM: Lenten Potluck Supper – please sign up in the narthex
- + Saturday, March 11, 5:30 PM: **Divine Liturgy, Second Sunday of the Great Fast**
- + Sunday, March 12, 9:15 AM: Lenten Reflection: *Lord, Enlighten my Darkness*
- + Sunday, March 12, 9:40 AM: **Third Hour** of the Divine Praises is prayed
- + Sunday, March 12, 10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy, Second Sunday of the Great Fast**
- + Sunday, March 12, 11:30 AM: Adult Education: *Icons – Theology in Color*