



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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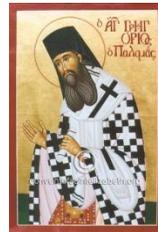
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March 12, 2017 + Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

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: \$1,724.00 . 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 1:10-2:3 + Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Thought for the Week...

"The Lord came to send fire upon the earth, and through participation in this fire He makes divine not just the human substance which He assumed for our sake, but every person who is found worthy of communion with Him." Saint Gregory Palamas



Sacramental Needs. Please call Deacon James at the parish office (770-993-0973) to arrange for liturgy intentions, 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, please be sure to leave a voice mail and he will call you back. 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.



Founders Day 2017! October, 1977, marked the beginning of Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church in Georgia. We will celebrate our 40th anniversary this fall (rather than in May) to coincide with our actual founding. If you would like to be on the advance planning committee to make this a very special day for all of us and for our local community, please see Deacon Michael.

This day is a very special way to spread the word that the *Light of the East* burns bright in Roswell!

Sanctuary Lamp. The Eternal Presence Sanctuary Lamp burns continuously in front of Our Lord this month in loving memory of +**Rose Tisma**, by her sons Deacon Michael and Steven. If you wish to have the lamp burn for your intentions, please see one of the Deacons for details.

Lenten Suppers. More cooks are needed! Be sure to sign-up in the narthex to share your special Lenten dishes, salads and sides for our Friday potluck suppers after Presanctified Liturgy.



All-Night Vigil. As our Lord prayed in the Garden of Agony before His Passion, "he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, 'Could you not stay and watch with me even for one hour?'" (Mt 26:40) An ancient practice in the Church is to join the two women in the Gospel who kept watch over Jesus' tomb after his burial.

This Great Friday we are reviving this holy tradition to watch over our Lord's body as He descends into Hades to loosen the bonds of death. Our all-night vigil will begin after the evening Burial Vespers and end at dawn on Holy

Saturday; this is an opportunity to pray, to meditate on Jesus' sacrifice, to wait with the saints and angels as our Lord conquers death, and to spiritually share in His own death and resurrection.

The parish will arrange for an off duty officer to be on the property throughout the night. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex the two weekends before Holy Week so that someone is always here to stay with our Lord and to "watch for one hour". For further details, please see Deacon Candidate George.



We are also in need of a new **Plaschanitsja/Epitaphios**, the winding sheet of Our Lord used for the tomb on Great and Holy Friday; our previous one was damaged in the fire and cannot be repaired. If you wish to help with this purchase, in whole or in part or in honor or memory of a loved one, please see Fr. Deacon Michael.

Memory Eternal. Since All Souls Saturday Liturgies were canceled, we will remember our departed family and friends with a *Panachida* and Reading of the Diptychs after the Presanctified Liturgies on Friday March 17 and 24.

Adult Education. Join Deacon Michael after Liturgy on the Sundays of the Great Fast for a journey through the mystical language of icons. Today's topic: **Icons-Theology in Color.**

+ THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR FOR THE GREAT FAST +

- + Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 PM: **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- + Friday, March 17, 6:30 PM: *The Way of the Disciple*, Spiritual Reading Book Club
- + Friday, March 17, 7:30 PM: **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Lenten Potluck Supper**
- + Saturday, March 18, 5:30 PM: **Divine Liturgy, Sunday of the Holy Cross**
- + Sunday, March 19, 9:15 AM: Lenten Reflection: *Glory to Your Condescension*
- + Sunday, March 19, 9:40 AM: **Third Hour** of the Divine Praises is prayed
- + Sunday, March 19, 10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy, Sunday of the Holy Cross**
- + Sunday, March 19, 11:30 AM: Adult Education: *Icons - Theology in Perspective*

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