



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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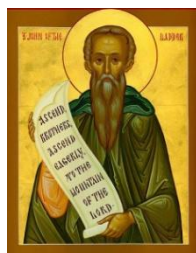
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March 26, 2017 + Sunday of St. John Climacus and the Ladder of Ascent

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: \$1,924.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Capital Campaign	Received to Date: \$16,902.00
Sunday Readings	Apostolic Letter: Hebrews 6:13-20 + Gospel: Mark 9:17-31
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401



Thought for the Week...

"Do not say, after spending a long time in prayer, that nothing has been gained; for you have already gained something. And what higher good is there than to cling to the Lord and persevere in unceasing union with Him?"

St. John Climacus, *Ladder of Divine Ascent*, Step 28.29

Founders Day 2017! We will celebrate our 40th anniversary *Founders Day* this fall (rather than in May) to coincide with our actual founding. Please see Deacon Michael after Liturgy if you would like to be on the advance planning committee. Let's make this celebration is a very special way to spread the word that the *Light of the East* shines bright in Roswell! Let's make it a radiant one!



All-Night Vigil. It is our ancient tradition to keep **Vigil at Christ's Tomb** on the night of Great and Holy Friday. This Holy Week we are reviving this pious practice which provides us with an opportunity to keep watch over our Lord's body throughout the night. The vigil is not limited to the number of people who can participate in each holy hour, whether it be two or twenty. What is important is that all the hours are covered throughout the night. There still are time slots open; please consider making the sacrifice to be with our Lord as he descends into

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

Hades to destroy the bonds of death. What better way to understand the death and resurrection of Jesus than to participate in the Vigil by His tomb and spend one quiet hour with our Lord in prayer and meditation to contemplate His great sacrifice for us. For security, the parish has arranged for an off duty police officer to be on the property throughout the night.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Consider this small sacrifice to be close to our Lord for just one quiet hour as He lies in the tomb and we await His glorious Resurrection.



Altar Servers and Cantors. To serve at God's holy altar is one of the greatest honors we have. His service requires work, dedication and commitment, but the spiritual rewards far outnumber the small sacrifices each week. **We will be having a series of important and extensive training sessions for both altar servers and cantors following Divine Liturgy starting on Sunday, April 23 (Thomas Sunday).** Let's not hide our gifts under a basket but use them to glorify the Most Holy Trinity. Altar service is open to all males 10 years

and up; the cantor team welcomes all men and women who have the abilities to sing well, to read music and can make the commitment to lead the community in worship on a regular schedule. Please consider serving God and our parish family in one of these two vital ministries.

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"* Isaiah 6:8

For the Sick and Suffering. Please remember in your prayers the sick and infirm of our parish, especially **Andy Martin**. If you wish to have the parish pray for your special needs or for someone who is sick and in need of healing, please notify the Deacons through the parish email.

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

+ THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR FOR THE GREAT FAST +

- + Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 PM: **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
- + Friday, March 31, 6:30 PM: *The Way of the Disciple*, Spiritual Reading Group
- + Friday, March 31, 7:30 PM: **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Panachida & Supper**
- + Saturday, April 1, 5:30 PM: **Divine Liturgy, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**
- + Sunday, April 2, 9:15 AM: Lenten Reflection: *Do we Know what we Ask?*
- + Sunday, April 2, 9:40 AM: **Third Hour** of the Divine Praises is prayed
- + Sunday, April 2, 10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**
- + Sunday, April 2 11:30 AM: Adult Education: *Icons - A Way of Prayer*