



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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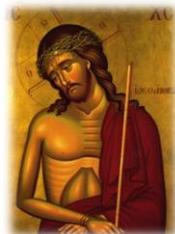
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**April 2, 2017 + Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**

<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
<b>Collection</b>	Last week: <b>\$2,494.00</b> . God bless you for your continued generosity.
<b>Sunday Readings</b>	Apostolic Letter: Hebrews 9:11-14 + Gospel: Mark 10:32b-45
<b>Sacramental Needs</b>	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

## Thought for the Week...



*"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love? Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."*

Venerable Fulton Sheen

## + HOLY AND GREAT WEEK +

- + Saturday, April 8, 5:30PM: **Palm and Flowery Sunday**, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Palms
- + Sunday, April 9, 9:15 AM: Lenten Reflection: *Behold, I Make All Things New!*
- + Sunday, April 9, 9:40 AM: **Third Hour** of the Divine Praises
- + Sunday, April 9, 10:00 AM: **Palm and Flowery Sunday**, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Palms
- + Wednesday, April 12, 7:30 PM: **Great Wednesday**, Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
- + Thursday, April 13, 7:30 PM: **Great and Holy Thursday**, Vespers and Divine Liturgy
- + Friday, April 14, 7:30 PM: **Great and Holy Friday**, Vespers and Entombment of Our Lord  
All-Night Vigil at the Tomb of Christ 9:00 PM – 7:00 AM
- + Saturday, April 15, 5:30 PM, **Pascha**, Resurrection Matins & Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets
- + Sunday, April 16, 10:00AM, **Pascha**, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets

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

**All-Night Vigil.** It is an ancient tradition of Eastern Christians to keep **Vigil at Christ's Tomb** on Great and Holy Friday as He descends into Hades to destroy the bonds of death.

**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.**



We are reviving this pious practice to keep watch over our Lord's body throughout the night. The vigil is not limited to the number of people who can participate each holy hour; what is important is that all the hours are covered through the night. Consider making the sacrifice to spend private time with our Lord in prayer and contemplate His great sacrifice. For security, the parish has arranged for an off duty police officer to be on the property throughout the night.

**For the Sick and Suffering.** Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish. If you wish to have the parish pray for one who is sick or wishes to receive a sick call and the Most Holy Eucharist, please see one of the Deacons or send a note through the parish email.



**Altar Lamp.** During April, the Divine Presence Altar Lamp burns continuously in front of Our Lord in loving memory of +**Carl Bates**, by his beloved spouse, Barbara. If you wish to have the Altar Lamp burn for your intentions, see one of the Deacons for details.

**Grounds Committee.** Now that winter is over, it's time for some cleaning. Our parish grounds are in desperate need of some real work. Much has been written recently about first impressions and the importance of attractive grounds for houses of worship ... especially to first-time visitors and passersby. Just as in real estate, curb appeal communicates either a positive or a negative image and reflects how a church views the House of God and itself.

We at Epiphany want to convey to everyone who comes our way that we are a church that truly knows its authentic identity as Byzantine Catholics, soundly focuses on Jesus Christ, honors the Holy Trinity and displays the splendor of God's majesty and glory in everything. A warm and welcoming visual exterior is often what invites those who seek God to enter and discover the celestial beauty and spiritual richness that await all who draw near to His holy altar.



*Please see Deacon Michael if you are able to volunteer to be on an advance steering committee. Our purpose will be to meet to assess the grounds, to set short term and long term goals to beautify our property, and to coordinate eventual parish workdays in anticipation of our fortieth anniversary "Founders Day" celebration this fall.*

**We need everyone's help ... however large ... however small.  
This is OUR church; let's work to beautify our Father's house.**

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of Hosts! (Psalm 84:1)*