

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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April 23, 2017 + Sunday of Saint Thomas

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: \$5,115.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	Apostolic Letter: Acts 5:12-20 + Gospel: John 20:19-31
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

The Light of the East ...



"The liturgy is, before everything else, the joyous gathering of those who are to meet the risen Lord and to enter with him into the bridal chamber. And it is this joy of expectation and this expectation of joy that are expressed in singing and ritual, vestments and censings, in that whole 'beauty' of the liturgy which has so often been denounced as unnecessary and even sinful. But we as Eastern Christians are beyond the categories of the 'necessary.' For when expecting someone whom we love, we put a beautiful tablecloth on the table and decorate it with candles and flowers, we do all this not out of necessity, but out of love. And the Church is love, expectation and joy."

+ Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*

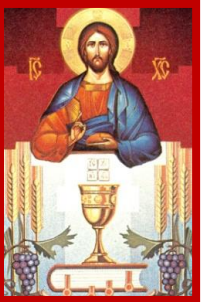
With Gratitude. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! (Psalm 84:1). The parish extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to all who gave so generously to bedeck God's holy house with such beautiful Easter flowers and to all those who gave of their time and talent to bring us such a spiritual and moving Holy Week and Pascha celebration: the altar servers, the cantors, the floral team, the Altar Guild, the cleaning crew and everyone else. God bless all of you.

Fr. Deacon James. Fr. Deacon James' surgery went very well and he is now home for therapy and rest; he plans to be back in a few weeks. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery. During his absence, please contact Fr. Deacon Michael for needs and questions.

Memory Eternal. Next Sunday, April 30, a *Panachida* will be served for the blessed repose of the souls of Edward and Marie Klotz, the parents of our parishioner Ed Klotz.

Altar Servers and Cantors. The training session for cantors and altar servers scheduled for today has been canceled but will be rescheduled when Deacon James returns.

Axios! On Tuesday, April 25, 2017, our Eparchy will be blessed with a new priest. His Grace, Bishop Kurt, has called **Deacon Nicholas Daddona** to the Order of the Presbyterate. Deacon Nick has faithfully served our Eparchy for many years as Deacon at Saint Andrew's in Westbury, NY, as Chancellor of the Eparchy, as Director of Deacon Formation, and as an Advisory Council Member for our seminary. Please keep Deacon Nick in your prayers and may God grant him and his wife, Maureen, many blessed and happy years. **Axios! Axios!** Please continue to pray that God will continue to bless our holy Church with vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the religious life.



Founders Day Committee. Honoring Our Past ... Building Our Future! Next Sunday, April 30 after the 10:00 Liturgy, the Founders Day Committee will have its first meeting to discuss preliminary ideas and plans for our 40th Anniversary Founders Day Celebration this fall. All parishioners are welcome to join the committee which will be responsible for developing, implementing, promoting and coordinating this very important milestone in the life of Epiphany. These festivities can be an incredible vehicle to get the word out that the Light of the Catholic East shines brightly on Old Alabama Road in Roswell!

Grounds Committee. The Grounds Committee will have its first meeting on Sunday, May 7 following the Divine Liturgy. All who can commit some time on an ongoing basis are invited to be part of this important parish committee. Our first goal is to assess the grounds to determine what can realistically be accomplished in the short term and then to develop a long term "care" plan to be submitted to the Administrator for review and implementation within our financial means.

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.

Altar Lamp. During April, the Divine Presence Lamp burns continuously before 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, please see Deacon Michael.

Let Us Pray ...

For the Sick of our Parish: Andy Martin, Agnes Knoll, Coleen Kelly, Fr. Deacon James

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