

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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February 4, 2018 + Sunday of the Last Judgment — “Meatfare”

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: \$1,754.00 . God bless you for your continued generosity.
Sunday Readings	1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 + Matthew 25:31-46
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

During the month of February, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle in loving memory of +Maria and +Mykola Laschuk, parents of Michael Laschuk.
Vičnaja jim pamjat.



The Light of the East ...

“When Christ comes to judge us, what will be the criterion of His judgment? The Parable of the Last Judgment answers: love — a concrete and personal love for the human person, any human person, that God makes me encounter in my life. Christian love is the “possible impossibility” to see Christ in another man, whoever he is, and whom God, in His eternal and mysterious plan, has decided to introduce into my life, be it only for a few moments, not as an occasion for a “good cheer” or an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself.”

+Father Alexander Schmemmann, *Great Lent*

For You Did It To Me. On this day, the *Sunday of the Last Judgment*, we are reminded that it is not enough for us to see Jesus, to see ourselves as we are, and to come home as his prodigal sons and daughters. We must also be his children by following Christ, his only-begotten

Son, by seeing Christ in every man and woman, and by serving Christ through them. Our salvation and final judgment will depend on our deeds, not merely our intentions or even on the mercies of God devoid of our own personal cooperation and obedience.

Today is **Meatfare Sunday**, traditionally the last day meat is eaten until Pascha. While this strict observance has been relaxed, we are today called to prepare for the Lenten Spring by starting to abstain from meat, to spend more time in prayer, and to focus on how we will approach the Great Fast in anticipation of the glorious Day of Resurrection.

Please plan to stay after Liturgy on Sunday for our annual Meatfare luncheon.

Cheesefare Sunday. Next **Sunday, February 11**, the **Sunday of Forgiveness**, is the last Sunday before the Great Fast, which begins **Monday, February 12**. It was the former pious practice to abstain from all dairy products and eggs after this evening’s Vespers until Pascha.

All are invited to stay after Liturgy on Sunday for a **“Cheese Fare”**. The parish will provide the bagels and cream cheese. All are invited to stay for Christian fellowship and to bring their favorite cheese dish or dessert to share with other parishioners.



Welcome to the House of God. With thanks to God we are seeing more and more visitors joining us for Sunday and Vigil Liturgies. As followers of Christ, we are called to welcome all to the House of God, to greet our visitors, to sit with them and assist them during the Liturgy, to share coffee and pastry with them afterwards, and to provide them with some of the introductory materials we have assembled. Please see Fr. Deacon Michael to become involved in this all important outreach. A planning meeting will be held in the near future to develop our parish’s Welcome Ministry.

Everyone’s input is most welcome and encouraged. Let’s work together to grow our parish.

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the LORD. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints; at other times there was only one. It bothered me because I noted that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow, defeat or loneliness, I could only see one set of footprints. So I said to the LORD: “You promised me, LORD, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has been only one set of footprints in the sand. Why when I needed you the most have you not been there for me?” The LORD replied: The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child ... those were the times when I picked you up and carried you in my loving arms.”

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