

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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**March 4, 2018 + Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Sunday of the Veneration of the Life-Giving Cross**

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: \$1,512.00 . <i>God bless you for your generosity.</i>
Sunday Readings	Hebrews 4:14-5:6 + Mark 8:34-9:1
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401
Lenten Services	Friday, 7:30 PM: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; followed by a meatless potluck Lenten Supper Sunday, 9:15 AM: The Most Holy Rosary; 9:40 AM: Third Hour

This month the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle in loving memory of +Paraskevia and +Mykola Scheremeta, parents of Irene Laschuk. *Vičnaja jim pamjat.*

+ Great Fast ... the Bright Sadness +



On this third Sunday of the Great Fast we celebrate the Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross. During these forty days we are in a way crucified, mortified to the passions, contrite, abased and despondent; the Cross offers us as comfort and reassurance, calling to mind the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Cross tells us how God's grace, love and power can change each of us, sanctify each of us, give each of us new life, eternal life. It shows us the Father's amazing love: that God became a man, died on the Cross, so that through His death we would be saved from despair of sin and death. The Cross has been given to us as a hope, as confidence that we are dear to God, that all impossible

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

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Eastern Christian Life. Just a reminder to return your envelope for your yearly subscription to our Eparchial newspaper if you have not already done so. All registered parishioners receive the newspaper, for which we are assessed by the Chancery \$12.00 annually for each family. Your payment is necessary for the parish to meet this cost.



Lenten Devotions. To help us on our journey through the Great Fast and to prepare us for the glorious Feast of Feasts, Holy Pascha, please make every effort to attend our Lenten services. The Great Fast can pass us by quickly if we don't put forth the effort to fast, to pray more and to attend the Lenten services ... let us come prepared to rejoice and celebrate the empty tomb.

Baba's Kitchen ... Coming Soon. Get ready to enjoy some of everyone's favorite foods for the Easter holidays and year-round. We are in the process of making arrangements for favorite Eastern European foods to be available here at Epiphany: various types of pieroghi and stuffed cabbage, and hopefully nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls. All sales will benefit the parish to help raise the necessary funds for much needed building repairs. Share your thoughts with Deacons James and Michael or Reader John. Let us know soon so we can evaluate the response and get this project underway. If there is enough interest, we may consider having the availability of these products year-round. So tell all your friends ... authentic pieroghis are on the way!



Spring Ahead. Remember next Saturday, March 10, before retiring, to set your clocks AHEAD one hour for Daylight Savings Time.

Welcome to God's holy house and this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you have not been to an Eastern Catholic church before, you are about to have a wonderfully rich and deeply spiritual experience. We are in full communion with Pope Francis and the Universal Catholic Church; we follow the ancient rites of Constantinople, founded by Saint Andrew the Apostle. We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the narthex afterwards. Please feel free to speak with one of our Deacons to answer any questions you may have and to receive a packet of information on the Eastern Catholic Church. May God's blessings be upon you!

