

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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March 11, 2018 + Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
Sunday of Saint John Climacus

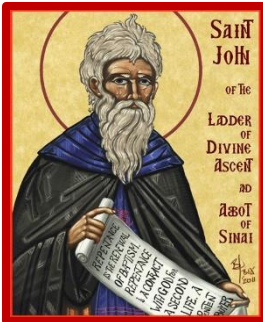
Divine Liturgy Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
Confessions Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
Collection Last week: **\$2,169.00. God bless you for your generosity.**

Sunday Readings Hebrews 6:13-20 + Mark 10:32-45
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

In March, 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 +



The fourth Sunday of the Great Fast is dedicated to Saint John Climacus, seventh century abbot of the Monastery of St. Catherine on Mt. Sinai. He stands as a witness to the effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom. The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Eph 6.12).

In his book, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, which is a guide to living a spiritually disciplined life, St. John writes about the spiritual

ladder which leads to the Heavenly Kingdom. We climb it, we fall down, we hit the ground, we stand up and we fall again. The thing is, we need to stand up over and over again. We must humble ourselves, acknowledge our weakness and let God enter our life.

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

Eastern Christian Life. Reminder: In two weeks, we will send our annual subscription list to the Chancery for our Eparchial newspaper, *Eastern Christian Life*. If you have not already done so, there is still time to return your envelope for your yearly subscription. The parish is assessed by the Chancery \$12.00 annually for each sunscription. Your payment is necessary for the parish to meet this cost.

Baba's Kitchen. We are in the process of arranging for favorite Eastern European foods to be available here at Epiphany, especially at the holidays: 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. Tell all your friends ... pieroghis are on the way!

HOLY WEEK: MARCH 25-31

Holy Week is fast approaching. For Eastern Christians this sacred week institutes the sanctity of the Church's entire liturgical year. The festal atmosphere of Palm and Flowery Sunday yields to solemnity, sobriety and sadness as our Lord moves toward His voluntary and life-giving Passion. It is our privilege and responsibility as good Catholics and true followers of Christ to accompany Him to Golgotha and beyond to the empty tomb. This is the time of the year when we are called to set aside all earthly cares and to focus on Jesus Christ and His work of Salvation. Without our participation in Holy Week, we risk losing much spiritual benefit and the exalted joy of Pascha. Please make every effort to be with our Lord and attend these services.



March 24/25: Palm Sunday	<i>Divine Liturgy:</i> Saturday 5:30 PM/Sunday 10:00 AM
March 28: Great and Holy Wednesday	<i>Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts:</i> 7:30 PM
March 29: Great and Holy Thursday	<i>Solemn Vespers and Divine Liturgy:</i> 7:30 PM <i>Matins with Passion Gospels:</i> 10:00 AM
March 30: Great and Holy Friday	<i>Solemn Vespers and Burial Procession:</i> 7:30 PM <i>Vigil Watch at the Tomb:</i> 9:00 PM- 12:00 Midnight <i>Jerusalem (Lamentation) Matins:</i> 11:00 PM
March 31: Great and Holy Saturday	<i>Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy:</i> 7:30 PM <i>Blessing of Easter foods follows</i>
April 1: Pascha	<i>Divine Liturgy:</i> 10:00 AM <i>Blessing of Easter foods follows</i>

Having suffered the Passion for us, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.