

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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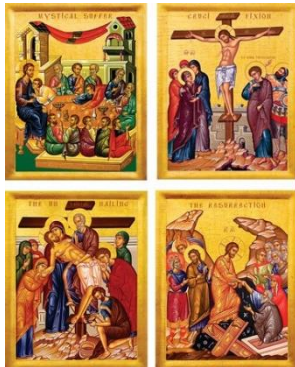
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March 25, 2018 + Palm Sunday + Annunciation to the Theotokos

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: **\$2,200.00**. *God bless you for your generosity.*
Sunday Readings Philippians 4:4-9 / Hebrews 2:11-18 + John 12:1-18 / Luke 1:24-38
Sacramental Needs Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

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.*

+ Passion Week ... the Journey to Golgotha +



On Saturday, March 24, Byzantine Catholics begin observing the most solemn of Days, leading up to the celebration of Pascha on April 1: Lazarus Saturday, Palm Sunday and Passion Week. These nine days are set aside — consecrated — by the Church to commemorate the final and decisive events in our Lord's earthly life. Each day is designated as "great and holy"; Eastern Christians are called to put our earthly existence on hold as we "go up with our Lord to Jerusalem".

During this time, we are called to make every effort to "lay aside all earthly cares", to devote ourselves to contemplate the central Mysteries of our Faith which are revealed in the liturgical services of Passion Week: the Cross, the Tomb and the Resurrection of Christ. So significant is Holy Week that "time seems to stand still and earthly life ceases for the faithful, as they go up with the Lord to Jerusalem" (Fr. Thomas Hopko). May we all look upon the days ahead as sacred and dedicated to our Lord.

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

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

Annunciation to the Theotokos. The year the *Annunciation*, one of the twelve great feasts of the Eastern Church, falls on Palm Sunday. In our liturgical tradition, the feast is never transferred to another day. The *Annunciation* is the celebration of the central mystery of the Incarnation, when Christ emptied Himself to take on human nature, while remaining God in eternity. The feast presents us today with a beautiful reflection on our faith: as Christ humbled Himself in the womb of Mary, so He humbled Himself to ride on a colt, to submit Himself to His passion, death and resurrection.



Baba's Kitchen. Our favorite Eastern European foods are available for purchase in the narthex after all Liturgies ... just in time for the holidays: assorted pieroghi and nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls. **All proceeds are for the church roof repairs and our ongoing maintenance needs.** Please support the parish building fund and enjoy some delicious food for Easter.



Easter Flowers. Please remember your offering envelopes for the Easter flowers which will be placed before our Lord's tomb on Good Friday and which will adorn His holy Temple on Pascha.

Bishop Kurt. We are honored to have a pastoral visit from Bishop Kurt during Bright Week. His Grace will celebrate Divine Liturgy for us on **Bright Wednesday, April 4 at 10:00 AM.** A light luncheon will be served in the narthex after Liturgy. Please sign up today in the narthex to ensure we have adequate food ordered.

Adult Education. There will be no **Adult Education** classes on Palm Sunday or Pascha. Fr. Deacon James will conclude his class on the *Pentateuch*, on **Sunday, April 8 and 15.**