

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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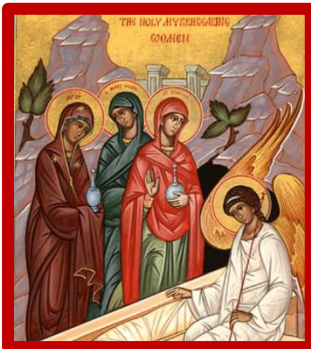
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April 15, 2018 + Sunday of the Holy Myrrh Bearers

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: \$3,275.00 . <i>God bless you for your generosity.</i>
Sunday Readings	Acts 6:1-7 + Mark 15:42-16:8
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

In April, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle in loving memory of
+Louise Campbell, sister of Peg & Ging Ciborowski. *Vičnaja jeh pamjat.*

Christ is Risen! ✠ The Fruits of Pascha



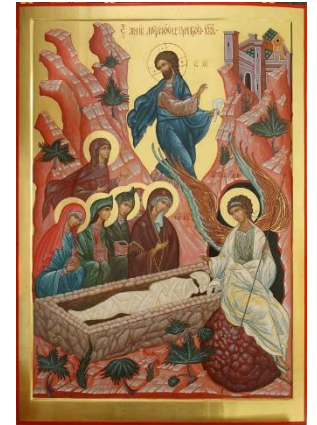
Today the Church celebrates the holy myrrh-bearing women. They were faithful disciples of Christ who always remained near the Lord in His earthly service, walked with Him to Jerusalem, were present at the resurrection of Lazarus, cried with the Mother of God at the foot of the Savior's Cross and followed Joseph and Nicodemus to the tomb. After the sacred day of the Sabbath, they hurried to anoint their Master with myrrh.

The faithfulness of the holy myrrh-bearers was so great that they walked to their Lord in the dark, despite the guards who were ordered to keep the disciples away; they walked despite the large stone which blocked the tomb; they walked despite their fears and all the odds.

For their faithfulness the holy women became the apostles to the apostles and brought to them the good news of the resurrection. Even before the Evangelists picked up their pens, before the apostles walked to the far reaches of the Empire, before Peter proclaimed the Good News to thousands on the day of Pentecost, the holy myrrh-bearers brought to the apostles the first proclamation, and the first sermon, and the first Gospel.

How often in our lives we lose our faith when we must go through illness, inconvenience, suffering, and sorrow. At times it seems to us that God never hears us ... or even worse, He is dead, that He does not care, that certain forces beyond our control stop us, or that there is a large stone in our path. So we just sit in our pain and sorrow, hiding in fear.

Let us learn from these holy myrrh-bearers who today bring the Good News to us, "Arise from your sinful slumber! With the first ray of sun, run to the Lord!" The tomb is empty! What is left for us is his message: "Do not be afraid, hurry, tell everyone, I am waiting for you". Through the prayers of the holy myrrh-bearing women, Lord, grant us their all-conquering faithfulness to You!



Adult Education. All are invited to join Fr. Deacon James after Sunday Divine Liturgy as he concludes today and next week his class on the first five books of the Bible, the *Pentateuch*.

Upcoming Maintenance. As discussed at the Parish Meeting in January, the coming months present us with some major and necessary maintenance work around the property:



- ✓ removal of fallen trees which are creating hazardous conditions;
- ✓ replacement of the rectory roof which is in serious disrepair;
- ✓ repairs to church exterior plumbing which has not worked for years;
- ✓ ongoing maintenance of the church steeples;
- ✓ fill for the depressed areas of the driveway and gravel overlay;
- ✓ securing church steeples and roof soffits against rodents/squirrels;
- ✓ replacement of missing gutters on the church;
- ✓ replacement of church ceiling lights and other lighting repairs;
- ✓ critical rectory plumbing and other interior repairs.

These projects cannot be delayed much longer. The estimated costs were reviewed by our Eparchial Syncellus last fall and will be around **\$50,000.00**. In addition, as with all of us, our operating expenses continue to rise. Please be as generous as you can in your weekly contribution to help defer the cost of these critical and expensive repairs. Epiphany belongs to all of us ... God's house is our responsibility.

Our next Parish Financial Meeting, with an updated property report and a review of the first six months of 2018, will be held in early July.

Baba's Kitchen. Be sure to stock up on our assorted pieroghi and nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls available for purchase in the narthex. **All proceeds go toward the ongoing maintenance needs of the church property.** Be sure to tell all your friends about *Baba's Kitchen*! Please support the work of the parish and continue to enjoy these wonderful holiday foods year-round.

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