

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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April 22, 2018 + Sunday of the Paralytic

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: \$1,739.00 . <i>God bless you for your generosity.</i>
Sunday Readings	Acts 9:32-42 + John 5:1-15
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.*



His Grace, Bishop Kurt, has shown his pastoral affection for our parish by appointing **Father Lewis Rabayda as our full-time resident priest, relieving both Father Philip and Father Administrator Deacon James of their responsibilities and duties. Father Lewis was with us in July, 2016, after Father Philip's accident. Over the next six weeks we will be very busy getting the rectory restored and furnished as well as preparing the church and grounds for Father's arrival. Please be generous with your time when parish work days are called.**

Father Lewis will arrive on June 11 and celebrate his first

Divine Liturgy with us the following **Sunday, June 17; a parish reception will follow (details forthcoming). There will be no Saturday Liturgy on June 16 so that the entire parish family can worship together to welcome Father Lewis.**

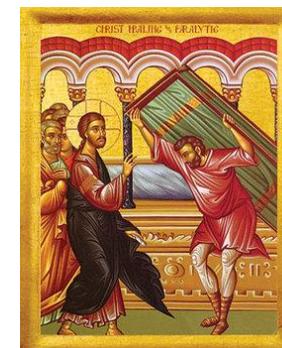
We are grateful to God for the many years of Father Philip's dedicated service to Epiphany and we wish him a very happy and blessed retirement. May God grant him peace, health and happiness for many years. The parish is most thankful to everyone who offered their enthusiastic service and prayers for the parish over the past two years while we were awaiting a permanent pastor.

Christ is Risen! ✠ Indeed He is Risen!

Today the Church recalls Jesus' great miracle of the healing of the paralytic and of His mercy for suffering humanity.

The Evangelist John describes how a paralyzed man had been lying beside the pool of Bethesda waiting for the stirring of the waters by an angel so that he could be healed. His wait lasted not for an hour, or a few days, or even a few years, but **thirty-eight years**. As amazing as this man's patience and perseverance may have been, perhaps what stands out even more is that not a single person during the course of all those years had compassion on him and helped him into the pool. Today our Lord reminds us that we must never ignore the great suffering which exists in the world. Countless people suffer every day from different afflictions and many have no one to care for them.

This Gospel is a call to action: We are all made in God's image and as such, we are bound to each other and responsible for each other; we are called to love our neighbors as God loves us and as we love ourselves. As followers of Jesus Christ, this is our mission.



Parish Maintenance. 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;
- ✓ critical interior repairs, restoration and furnishing of the rectory;
- ✓ repairs to church exterior plumbing which has not worked for years;
- ✓ 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.

These projects are critical and cannot be delayed much longer. The estimated costs were reviewed by our Eparchial Syncellus and will be around **\$50,000.00**. Please be as generous as you can in your weekly contribution to help defer the cost of these important repairs and to meet our rising operating costs. Epiphany belongs to each one of us ... God's house is our responsibility.

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 maintenance fund of the church.** Be sure to tell all your friends about *Baba's Kitchen!*

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