

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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May 20, 2018 + Sunday of Holy Pentecost

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: \$2,042.00 . <i>God bless you for your generosity.</i>
Sunday Readings	Acts 2:1-11 + John 17:37-52 & 8:12
Sacramental Needs	Please call Fr. Deacon James 770-993-0973 or 404-227-5401

During the month of May, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for the family of Alex Adekambi.



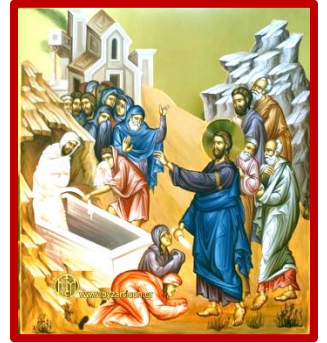
Pentecost is “the last and great day” ... the Church’s celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end, the achievement and fulfillment of the entire history of salvation. It is also the celebration of the beginning ... the “birthday” of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost. The apostles received “the

power from on high,” and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus, the risen Christ. The coming of the Holy Spirit is the final act of God’s self-disclosure and self-donation to the world of His creation. With the descent of the Holy Spirit, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, and all gifts bestowed. It belongs to us now to “appropriate” these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.

The Church’s tradition is to wear green vestments and to fill the holy places with greenery to represent the new life brought to us by the Holy Spirit on this great feast. Green is the color of nature; it is through the Holy Spirit that God’s breath renews all of creation. *Come Holy Spirit and dwell within us and save our souls O gracious One!*

Eternal Memory. Our dear friend and parishioner, **Charles “Chuck” Spornick** fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, May 17, 2018. His departure from this life was very sudden. Please remember in your prayers his wife and children during this time of their sorrow. A *Panachida* will be served for the blessed repose of Chuck next Sunday, May 27. May the Lord God welcome Chuck into His Kingdom and render his memory eternal.



Let Us Pray. Let us remember in our daily prayers all who are ill or convalescing, especially our parishioners **Andy Martin**, who is in serious condition in the hospital, and **Cameron Fradd**, who is recovering from surgery. May Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician and Healer, relieve them and all those who are ill of their suffering and restore their health for the glory of God. Please let the Deacons know of anyone in need of our prayers.

How Beautiful is Your Creation, O God. Need a great idea for some family time and to help out the parish at the same time? Well we have the answer for you. The parish has 12 acres of property and it takes a lot of time and money to maintain that. We really don’t have the resources necessary to spend \$750 a month on yard care, especially the entrance area which is what our visitors and neighbors first see. “Curb appeal” does count when people are selecting to join a church family.



So the idea was brought up by a few parishioners and now we’re looking to form **The Stewards of Eden**, a group of volunteers to come out on a rotating basis once a month to do some minor yard work, including cutting the grass ... and the parish will even provide the tractor! Now that summer is on its way, what a great way to get outdoors with the family for a few hours of quality time, to teach our children to be stewards of creation and to maintain and beautify God’s gifts of nature at the same time ... and let’s not forget ... save the parish some money too!

For more information, please see **Ed Klotz** after Liturgy or call him at 404-901-0155. You can also write him at ed@trinitasgroup.net or send an email to epiphanybyzantinechurch@gmail.com.

Rectory Renovations. Work is underway on the rectory in anticipation of the arrival of our new pastor, **Father Lewis Rabayda** the week of **June 11**. As was distributed last week in the bulletin, we need to raise **\$35-\$40,000** for the necessary work. Thanks to the extreme sacrifice and generosity of many parishioners so far, half of the amount needed has been raised. Please know that all donations, no matter how large or how small, are still needed and will be appreciated greatly by Father Lewis and the entire parish. Please use the envelopes provided in the narthex for your offering, which will be earmarked for the rectory. All gifts will be kept confidential. God bless you for your generosity.



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