

Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 6, 2018

Saturday, January 5

6:00PM

Great Compline-Divine Liturgy w/Lityia

†Peter Slota- Nellie Glazenski

Blessing of Water/ Myrovania- Anointing of Holy Oil

Sunday, January 6

10:30AM

FEAST OF THEOPHANY-Divine Liturgy

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

Blessing of Water/ Myrovania- Anointing of Holy Oil

Saturday, January 12

6:00PM

†John Hoolick- The Parish (40th Day)

Sunday, January 13

10:30AM

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Nursing**

Homes: Doris Conrad **Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick **At**

Home: Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise

Bailey, Sophie Staronka **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk;

Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko: Fr. Deacon Michael Waak,

Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo.



SUNDAY OF THEOPHANY
January 6, 2018

ANTIPHON 1

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

The sea beheld this and fled, the Jordan turned back on its course.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Why was it, O sea, that you fled, that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course?

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory be... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

ANTIPHON 3

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Therefore, let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Therefore, let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

ENTRANCE: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, we bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord is God and has appeared to us.

TROPAR: When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

KONTAKION: You have appeared to the world and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us, who with knowledge sing Your praises. You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

IN PLACE OF "HOLY GOD, HOLY IMMORTAL..."

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and

ever. Amen. You have put on Christ. All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

PROKEIMENON: Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord; God the Lord has appeared to us. **verse:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good for His mercy endures forever.

Saturday Epistle:

A reading of the First Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians(9:19-27 10:1-4):

Brethren, Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a

race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. I want you to remember this, our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; by cloud and the sea all of them were baptized into Moses. All ate the same spiritual food, All drank the same spiritual drink, they drank from the spiritual that was following them, and that rock was Christ.

Sunday Epistle:

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to Titus(2:11-14;3:4-7):

Brethren, For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3). Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. Alleluia(3). The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory has thundered, the Lord reigns over vast waters. Alleluia(3).



Gospel Luke 3:1-18-(Saturday) Theophany Eve

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. He went throughout [the] whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book

of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" He said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruits as evidence of your repentance; and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan* is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17- (Sunday) Feast of Theophany

The Baptism of Jesus.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY RIGHT... O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan. And the Irmos: Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN: The Grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Instead of “Blessed is He who comes...” “We have seen the true light...” “May our mouths...” and “Blessed be the Name...” we sing:

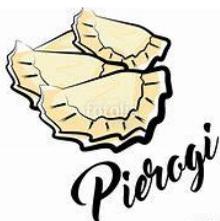
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan. (3)

<p>PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome!</p>

CHURCH NEWS *Christ is Born!- Glorify Him!*
Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!



CONFERENCE FOR KATHERINE MASH: Katherine is currently attending West Chester University and is planning to attend SEEK 2019 Conference presented by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The cost of the conference, hotel, meals, transportation and registration for this five-day event is \$839.00. Katie is reaching out for our support to help defray the expenses so that she may experience this National Catholic Conference. If you would like to support Katherine- Pleas call the rectory. It would be greatly appreciated.



PYROHY SALE: We will be making pyrohy on **Saturday, January 19th** at 8:30am. **The cost of potato pyrohy will now be \$7.00 per dozen.** You can place your order by calling Geri Adamchak at 570-824-3880. (We will make approximately 100 dozen.) Please come out and help.

MYASOPUSNA 2019: The date for Myasopusna is **February 24, 2019**. We will be making pyrohy for this event on February 16th at 8:30am. Please come out and help.



THE RACE IS ON: The Three Wise Men and Joshua the Camel have begun their trek across the desert to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. **Who will get there first?** Will it be Melchoire, Gasper, Balthazar or Joshua the Camel? Is that "Mel"-chior in the lead???? On January 6th the race will be won –LOOK in the churchyard!

SVIACHENNE: The 2019 Sviachenne will be on **May 5, 2019**. Please save the date.

BLESSING OF HOMES: If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please use the envelope in your collection box or leave a note in the collection basket. Also please let Father know if a visit during daytime hours is possible. No donation is required- even though the envelope says requested amount.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father.....what follows is the actual conversation with a fellow Parishioner.....

Parishioner, "Father I don't like the Holy Doors closing. I felt disconnected from the Liturgy."

Priest, "Congratulations! You Got It! You're smarter than the bishops."

Parishioner, "No. I don't like I feel disconnected."

Priest, "Exactly! That is what you are supposed to feel. You're conscience is supposed to be disturbed and you are supposed to feel something. That you feel disconnected should shock your existence so much that you now grasp that you could be disconnected for all Eternity from Heaven. Separated from God for eternity, in essence inheriting Hell. You now want to be certain to follow God's commands so you can encounter Heaven forever. Again, YOU GOT IT! Congratulations. Not only you, but all of us, we need to be reminded of this daily so that we actually LIVE the Gospel."

Parishioner, "I think I still don't like."

Priest, "Do you like living a world where people kill each other? Where people are mean to one another? Where people violate all sorts of laws and constantly, like blowing through red lights and almost killing you? Don't you tell me over and over that people are despicable? Do desire more of this for of eternity or do desire something better?"

Parishioner, "I didn't feel like I understood, but now perhaps I do. I didn't realize that is what our church was teaching us. That what I am feeling is supposed to happen, to disturb my conscience. Why didn't any of our priests or bishops ever teach us any of this? I'm almost 60 and I have never heard this. My parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents were never taught this. Why?"

Priest, "That is a good question. I have my own opinion on why but you would have to ask those people directly about why they are not teaching you such things. Go forth in peace."



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? *Father, what is the difference between Epiphany and Theophany? Are these one Feast or two Feasts? Where do the Three Kings come in? My mom always called it the Feast of the Three Kings? Is this Christmas?*

Interesting that you ask the question this way..... The early church did not celebrate Christmas, if you pay attention to the services and the prayers for the Feast of Theophany you will see that they are the source of the prayers for Christmas. The Feast of Theophany is older than Christmas. It should be noted that the early church did not celebrate the Nativity of Christ.

The Three Kings come on the Feast of Epiphany (Mankind recognizing God in the world). The Roman Catholic Church calls this Feast day, Epiphany because the western church puts the emphasis on the kings recognizing God in the world AND additionally, Christ being baptized in the Jordan River.

The Eastern Churches call this Feast Day Theophany (God revealing himself to the mankind), because the Eastern Church emphasizes Christ baptized in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descending over him, and God the Father saying "You are my beloved Son; With You, I am well pleased."

We as an Eastern Church recognize the Three Kings on this day also, but the emphasis is on Christ's Baptism in the Jordan, not because the Baptism changed Christ, who is God, but because, God changes the whole world through his Baptism. Jesus who is God is showing us the path to salvation, which begins with the Rite of Initiation, Baptism. We remember also that Matthew ends his Gospel with Christ's command to his Apostles to go out and Baptize the whole world in the Name of The Father and The Son and The Holy Spirit. Simply put, it is two Feasts on One day.

As you can see, both the Three Kings coming to the infant Jesus and the adult Jesus Christ baptized in the Jordan by John the Forerunner, are both celebrated this day and the western church merely emphasizes that mankind recognizes God entering the world in his infancy and the eastern church emphasizing the beginning of his missionary work in the world.

*The Greeting today is: **"Christ is Baptized"***

*Response: **"In the Jordan!"***

Psalm 119(81-96)

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Bible. To make sure that it is included in it's entirety- we will break it down into several parts.
It is being broken down by letter of the Hebrew Alphabet.

Kaph

My soul faints with longing for your salvation,
but I have put my hope in your word.
My eyes fail, looking for your promise;
I say, "When will you comfort me?"
Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do not forget your decrees.
How long must your servant wait?
When will you punish my persecutors?
The arrogant dig pits to trap me,
contrary to your law.
All your commands are trustworthy;
help me, for I am being persecuted without cause.
They almost wiped me from the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
In your unfailing love preserve my life,
that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.



Lamedh

Your word, LORD, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues through all generations;
you established the earth, and it endures.
Your laws endure to this day,
for all things serve you.
If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have preserved my life.
Save me, for I am yours;
I have sought out your precepts.
The wicked are waiting to destroy me,
but I will ponder your statutes.
To all perfection I see a limit,
but your commands are boundless. **(To be Continued...)**



JANUARY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory of Steve, John, & Russell Yanoshak all of whom had January Birthdays.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Koretz Family in loving memory of Leo Koretz.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by MaryAnn & Donna Kelly in loving memory of Joseph Boback.

The **Proscomedial Table** is given by Irene Hvozda For God's Blessings & Good Health for Beth Davis.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month of December

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen For God's Blessings & Good Health for Beth Davis.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Irene Hvozda in for the deceased members Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by the Slota Family in loving memory of Peter & Pauline Slota.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by the Slota Family in loving memory of Peter & Pauline Slota.

