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**Divine Liturgy Schedule**  
January 12, 2020  
*Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!*



**Saturday, January 11**

**6:00PM**

**Sunday, January 12**

**10:30AM**

**Monday, January 13**

**7:30AM**

**Thursday, January 16**

**6:30PM**

**Saturday, January 18**

**6:00PM**

**Sunday, January 19**

**10:30AM**

**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

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God's Blessings & Good Health for David Beggs

-M/M Mike Sawczuk

God's Blessings & Good Health for Michael & Ksenia  
Shaughnessy - Ulana Campbell

**Parish Council Meeting**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Stella Dougherty- Denise Kaminsky

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God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopyak, Mary Hoolick **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus.

## SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

January 12, 2020



### 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 Savior, save us.

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

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

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

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

**Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...**

### ANTIPHON 3:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

**TROPAR:** Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

**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.**

**KONDAK:** Today, 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.

**PROKEIMEN:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have hoped in you. verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

**A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians 4:7-13:**



Brethren, but to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all. Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God.



**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia(3). Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth. Alleluia(3). For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. Alleluia(3). Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth. Alleluia(3).

**Gospel of Matthew 4:12-17** At that time when Jesus heard that John had been delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving the town of Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capharnaum which is by the sea, in the territory of Zabulon and Nephthalim; that there might fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: “Land of Zabulon and land of

Nephthalim, by the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, a light has arisen." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**INSTEAD of 'It is Truly Right':** O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan. 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. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



### JANUARY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory John Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the Slota Family  
In loving memory Pauline Slota.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Joan Cominsky  
in loving memory of her brother, John "Sonny" Petrochko.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ellen Algrainy  
In loving memory of Mike & Helen Oresick.

### Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of January

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Ann Zabroski & Donna Lee-Hischak  
For God's Blessings & Continued Good Health for Caroline Dellaglio.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Donna Davis for  
all The deceased members of the Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Lisa Placek  
in loving memory of Russell & Anna Skordy and Pauline Slota.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given  
By MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in loving memory of Joseph Boback.

**CHURCH NEWS ....**

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

**\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\* Father Walter has a new cell phone number #570-406-5882.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:** Happy Birthday to John Hook, who celebrates his birthday on January 18 ! May God grant Many Happy Years to Him and His Family!

**FESTIVAL OF THE CAROLS:** Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols to be held at the Cathedral on January 12, 2020, at 3:00pm.

**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.

**LITURGY INTENTIONS:** If you are offering a Divine Liturgy for a specific day for your beloved or other intentions for 2020, please make sure you turn it into the rectory.



**VISITING THE SICK:** Do you know a homebound Parishioner who can't make it to church and would like a visit? Please contact Father Walter at the rectory at 570-735-2262.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30PM.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS:** Church envelopes and Calendars are available in the basement of the church. If for some reason you did receive church envelopes, please contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.



**SAVE THE DATE MYASOPUSNA:** The next big fund-raising event for our Parish will be Myasopusna Dinner Celebration. Our Myasopusna Celebration is scheduled for **February 16, 2020**, the date of our Meat-fare Sunday. We are looking for help with our celebration. Can you help? Please sign up in the back of the church.



**FOOD COLLECTION:** Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish is collecting non-perishable food products to donate to the St. Faustina Food Kitchen. There is a collection box in the church entryway. Please try to donate something for people who are less fortunate.



**Father I have a question for you. I so upset about what is happening in The Church at large and also what is happening in our nation. What upsets me so much is how many politicians claim to be Catholic but they clearly don't teach or live authentic Catholic lives and there is no correction from any of the bishops. I am pulling my hair out and I can't even describe the level of stress I feel for my children, who won't go to church anymore. I am worried for the loss of heaven for them. What can we do? I am at a loss. I feel despair. What can be done? I feel lost and don't even feel like praying anymore.** I feel your pain and have the same frustrations myself. While I am not a parent, I am a brother with siblings, parents, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, aunts and uncles and so forth. I too am worried for the potential loss of my own soul but also possibly for so many family and friends whom I know were at some level raised in the Church or with the Church and today have abandoned Her, their Mother. I don't know how to answer the question of, "How is it that I, and my own siblings, went to the same parish, had the same parents, had the same teachers in Catechism on Sundays and even the same teachers in public school; how is it, that some of us believe and act on the Catechism appropriately and others have abandoned the Church completely, not setting foot in a church for many years with the rare exception of a funeral. I understand how we got here. I know what we can do. One is to learn the authentic Catechism of the Catholic Church. This will require work on your part. One great tool that is available to us today is that many of Archbishop Fulton Sheen's "Life Is Worth Living" television broadcasts can be found for free on YouTube. There is lots that can be learned there. Something to do is to follow the wise counsel of Our Blessed Lady, the Ever Virgin Mary, the Theotokos. Learn more about this and share this. Mary gave mankind much more than merely some wonderful words during her visits in the approved apparitions known as "Lady of Good Success" in Quito, Ecuador, <https://www.tfp.org/prophecies-of-our-lady-of-good-success-about-our-times/> "Our Lady of La Salette" <http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-is-the-story-of-our-lady-of-la-salette/> "Our Lady of Fatima" <https://www.tfp.org/what-our-lady-said-at-fatima-on-may-13-1917/> (at the bottom of the web page is found "Next Apparition", click on that to continue) and "Our Lady of Akita" (sorry I am not aware of a good source for an honest and thorough history on-line). Learn and know about this and what is in common. Spiritual growth requires from each of us to put our own efforts in. To work. To keep true to Christ's teachings and implementing His teaching in how we live. Use to full extent the same tools Christ used; namely, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Mary in these apparitions told the faithful to pray the Rosary daily to combat the devil and his demons. The demons absolutely HATE the Rosary. Pray the rosary even when you 'don't feel like

it'. The devil is trying to cause you to stumble with this "feeling" of not praying. The devil is jealous that you are in conversation with God and he is not. The Rosary is a hot coal to the head of the devil and a tool which has with it the gift of God's peace and salvation. Also, I mentioned in a previous "Ask Father a Question", add to your daily prayer life the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. Learn and use the long version. If possible, learn the prayer in Latin, Greek or Aramaic. You may ask, "Why in these three languages?" It is because these are the three languages considered "Holy by Mother Church" because they are the languages used by Jesus and the Early Church and the Apostles. Exorcists also know that the devil and his demons hate Latin (the Roman Catholic exorcists I know don't have the Prayers and Rite of Exorcism in Greek or Aramaic so I can't speak about these). One reason they hate Latin is not merely the age of the language but the prayers in Latin are so precise that it is nearly impossible to fall into heresy using the Latin. In other words, when the Exorcist demands the demon to leave in Latin, the prayer works. Getting back to the prayer, Pope Leo XIII wrote this prayer when he realized that the fight the devil was going to put up against The Church in the very near future was going to get worse. Pope Leo XIII realized that perhaps there is no one, outside of God Himself, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that could be victorious over Lucifer, so he composed this prayer. I won't "invent" something or act like I am the bishop and tell you to do things which I, a priest, don't have the authority to do. Pope Leo XIII asked that the Saint Michael prayer be said after every "Low Mass". I suggest to say the Rosary every day, if people are praying the Rosary out loud before the Divine Liturgy begins, join them. Also, as Pope Leo XIII asked, say the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel after every Divine Liturgy. I won't demand it nor make it formal, as that is not my place, but I highly suggest to say it. Recite it verbally, that is out loud as to be heard by the people next to you. Do not be so loud as to be a disturbance to your neighbor, but say the prayer so your neighbor, God, the angels and demons hear you. You will get what you pray for. What is happening in The Church and in our nation cannot be overcome without having God and His servants with us in our community. Nothing will help us politically in our nation's political life if God and prayer are kept out. I offer to you "The Rosary" and "The Saint Michael Prayer" because outside of Holy Communion, i.e. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Our Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the rest of The Sacraments of The Church, there is perhaps little else that is so efficacious in combating the devil and evil and you can say these prayers at any time. In closing, when you feel yourself being tempted, or frustrated, or in need of some Divine assistance, make the sign of the cross.

God bless you. Fr. Walter