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Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 3, 2021

Saturday, January 2

6:00 PM

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

God's Blessings & Good Health for Priscilla Mudge

-Bob & Johanna Longenberger

Sunday, January 3

10:30 AM

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

Tuesday, January 5

6:30 PM

GREAT VESPERS- COMPLINE & LITURGY

God's Blessings for Fr. Henrique Fragelli – Becker Family

Thursday, January 7

10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, January 9

6:00 PM

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

God's Blessing & Good Health for the Weron Family

- Alberola Family

Sunday, January 10

10:30 AM

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted

Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, 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; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mark

Jennings; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

January 3, 2021

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: After Elijah had gone up to heaven, Elisha threw his mantle in the Jordan River which parted, opening a way, a dry path between two walls of water, where he could pass, a true symbol of our baptism by which we pass through this fleeting life. Christ has been seen at the Jordan River to sanctify the waters.

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

KONDAK: O most compassionate Christ Who absolves our sins in the depth of your mercy, you came to be baptized with the water of the Jordan. You robed me in splendor replacing my ancient garment of evil.

PROKIMEN: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

A Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy 4:5-8:

Brethren, but you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.



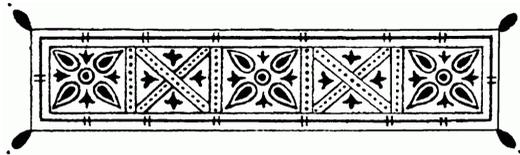
ALLELUIA: God, be merciful to us and bless us. Make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us. God be merciful to us and bless us.



Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, "Behold, I send my messenger before you, who shall prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight his paths', there came John in the desert, baptizing and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea went out to him, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather girdle about his loins, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "One mightier than I is coming after me, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase;" (ISAIAH 9:1)

CHURCH NEWS

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

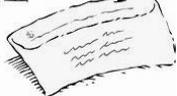
FLEA MARKET PROFIT: A sincere thank you to everyone who donated their time, money or goods to our Christmas Sale. Thank you to Bob & Johanna Longenberger for a super job in organizing the sale!

PRAYERS: Please pray for our Church in America. Keep our Church in your prayers so that we may have an end to this "pandemic" and may once again be able to all worship together.

CHARITABLE CARE ACT 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS: Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if a taxpayer itemized their deductions. The Cares Act allows taxpayers who don't itemize deductions to take up to \$300 charitable deductions for contributions made in 2020 to a qualifying organization. Your parish, parish schools, St. Josphat Seminary and the Archeparchy qualify for this charitable deduction. Please consider making an additional donation to your parish, parish school, St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary or the Archeparchy. Your donation will be deductible up to \$300 even if you do not itemize your deductions for 2020. Your donation must be made by cash, check or credit card. "

BLESSING OF WATER: On Tuesday, January 5 in the evening, we will have the Vespereal Liturgy with the Blessing of Water in celebration of Theophany. Please remember to **bring your containers in order to bring water home**. Please note this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Offering Envelopes



CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: Church envelopes and calendars are in the church basement for pick-up. If you don't see your envelopes there, please contact the rectory so that we can arrange to have envelopes for you. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERY DONATION ENVELOPE AS THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED. THANK YOU!



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, I want to go to the Saturday evening liturgy at our sister parish because the intention is for a friend of mine, can I also attend the Sunday morning liturgy and receive the Holy Eucharist again? I'm not sure how the Church handles the situation.

If you attend Saturday evening's liturgy, which is for Sunday, then no, you cannot receive the Holy Eucharist at both liturgies since they are in fact the same liturgy. It would be like receiving Holy Eucharist and then immediately going around in the back of the line and receiving again. You can attend both liturgies if you wish, but having received once on the day you have received all there is to receive and should not and cannot receive a second time 'at the same Liturgy'. Regardless of amount, you have received the fullness of Jesus Christ.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? There is a gospel that states that Jesus' brothers and sisters were outside with his mother, Mary; the liturgy refers to Mary as the Ever Virgin Mary-how can this be if Jesus has brothers & sisters? That has always been a question for me, it didn't matter that much when I was a

Lutheran, where Mary is not properly elevated in stature and importance. The translation of the Gospel with "Jesus' brothers and sisters outside . . ." is because in the Hebrew language there is not a word for cousins. These were his cousins and same may have been his step brothers and sisters (another word that does not exist in the Hebrew language) whom were Joseph's children from his first marriage where his wife had died and he was a widower. We venerate Mary because she is a shining example of The Way of The Cross. In other words, take up your cross and follow Jesus Christ (in to heaven). Responding yes to God's call is not easy and Mary, like John the Baptist, both answered God's call. They are both shining examples of living a virtuous life. There is of course more to it.



Psalm 122- NIV- A Song of Ascents

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up—the tribes of the LORD—to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.

The Prayer for Divine Wisdom

The following prayer was written by Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.



O Great and Almighty God, send down upon me from Your high and holy heavens and from the throne of Your holy glory, Your holy wisdom, that sits at Your side. Grant me the wisdom of Your good pleasure so that in my life I may know how to desire fervently, seek wisely, acknowledge in truth and fulfil perfectly that which is pleasing to You, to the glory and honor of You holy Name, “to the praise of the glory of Your grace.” Grant me, O God, the wisdom of my state, so that I may do what You desire; grant that I may understand my obligations, grant me the wisdom of my duties, and grant that I may do them as they ought to be done and as is fitting to Your glory and for the benefit of my soul. Grant me the wisdom of Your ways and the wisdom to walk the paths of Your holy will. Grant me the wisdom of success and failure so that I would know how not to exalt myself in the former and not to be downcast in the latter. Grant me the wisdom of joy and the wisdom of sadness; may I rejoice only in that which leads to You and be sad only in that which separates from You. Grant me the wisdom of everything that passes and everything that lasts; may the first decrease in my sight, and the second grow. Grant me the wisdom of work and the wisdom of rest; may work for You be luxury for me, and rest without You – fatigue. Grant me the wisdom of a sincere and straight-forward intention, the wisdom of simplicity, the wisdom of sincerity. May my heart turn to You and seek You in all things all my life long. Grant me the wisdom of obedience for Your law, for Your Church. Grant me the wisdom of poverty, so that I would never value goods in any other way except according to their real worth. Grant me the wisdom of chastity according to my state and vocation. Grant me the wisdom of patience, the wisdom of humility, the wisdom of gladness and seriousness, the wisdom of the fear of the Lord; the wisdom of truthfulness and of good deeds; may I be patient with no complaining, humble without the least pretending, joyful without inordinate laughter, serious without severity; that I may fear You without the temptation to despair; that I may be truthful without the shadow of duplicity; may all my good deeds be free from self-complacency. Grant me the wisdom to admonish my neighbor when necessary without exalting myself; grant that I may edify in word and deed without hypocrisy. Grant me, O Lord, the wisdom of vigilance, attention and wariness; may no vain thought lead me astray. Grant me the wisdom of nobleness; may I never be brought down by any impure and unworthy attachment. Grant me the wisdom of what is right; may no selfish intention ever lead me away from the path of my duties. Grant me the wisdom of courage and strength; may no storm overthrow me. Grant me the wisdom of freedom; may no

powerful passion ever enslave me. Grant me the wisdom of the theological virtues and the moral virtues: faith, hope, love, prudence, devotion, temperance and fortitude. Grant me, O Lord, the wisdom of the apostles, the wisdom of the martyrs; grant me a priestly and pastoral wisdom; grant me the wisdom of preachers and teachers; grant me the wisdom of those who administer the Holy Mysteries; grant me the Eucharistic wisdom and mystical wisdom – the wisdom of prayer and spiritual wisdom, and above all, O Lord, grant me the wisdom of sincere repentance, imperfect and perfect contrition; grant me the wisdom of to know myself in my weakness and malice; grant me the wisdom of mortification and fasting; grant me the wisdom of self-denial and self-sacrifice; grant me the wisdom of sacrifice, the wisdom of the Cross, the wisdom of Blood. O God, grant me, finally, that wisdom which, in accord with Your holy purpose, leads to the unity of churches under one supreme pastor, the Universal Pontiff; grant me the wisdom to cherish the work of holy unity, to love it and to consecrate my life to it. Grant me the wisdom of our Eastern rite, to hold it, to renew it and develop it. Grant me the wisdom of the Fathers of the holy Eastern Church and all the great ecclesiastical teachers. Grant me the wisdom of Your great apostle, Paul, so that I would at least well understand his epistles, remember them and know how to explain them to Your people. Grant me the wisdom of Your first Vicar that I may understand the designs of Your Divine Providence, which governs the Church through the Roman Pontiffs; grant me the wisdom of obedience to them and to the Universal Catholic Church; grant me the wisdom of church history and theology; grant me the wisdom that I and my people lack; grant me the wisdom of true satisfaction, true happiness. Amen.



JANUARY CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given

By Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek.

The **Proscomedial Table** is given by MaryAnn & Donna Kelley in loving memory of Joseph Boback.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of January

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

The Candle before the Theotokos is given by Lisa Placek for the deceased members of the Slota & Skordy Families.

The Icon Table **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Ellen Alqrainy For God's Blessings for Mary Oresick.