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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 2, 2021



Saturday, January 1

10:00 AM

**CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**

† Deceased of the Novak Family-Len & Louise Golemb

Saturday, January 1

6:00 PM

**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

† Henry Kellar- Jack & Judy Lee

Sunday, January 2

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 PM

**VIGIL OF THEOPHANY**

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners

Thursday, January 6

10:30 AM

**THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD**

God's Blessings on Marie Duncan & Jennifer Wetzel  
-Lisa Placek

Friday, January 7

10:00 AM

**SYNAXIS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

God's Blessings on America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Saturday, January 8

6:00 PM

**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

† Beverly Messimer – Alberola & Weron Families

Sunday, January 9

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**

God's Blessings & Good Health on all Parishioners



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

Fr. Paul Wolensky, Fr. Daniel Gurovich. Pavlyk Motychka(baby in Ukraine with SMA); Rita Kurtz, Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber.

## SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

January 2, 2021



**TROPAR:** By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

**TROPAR:** Make ready, O Zebulon, and prepare yourself, O Nephtali; O River Jordan, stop and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized. O Adam, rejoice with the first mother, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as before in Paradise. For, having seen you unclothed, Christ has appeared to clothe you with the first robe; He has appeared to renew all creation.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold mankind, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

**Now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KONTAKION:** Today the Lord stood in Jordan’s current telling John: Do not be afraid to baptize Me, for I have come to save Adam, the first man.

**PROKEIMENON:** 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 of the Second Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the 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:** Alleluia(3). God, be merciful to us and bless us. Alleluia(3). Make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us. Alleluia(3).

**Gospel of Mark 1:1-8**



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

**CHURCH NEWS .... "Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Without Ceasing."**

**Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!**

**PRAYERS:** Please keep Anna Kutsup in your prayers.

**MYOSOPUSNA 2022:** Myasopusna will fall on **Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM to discuss this event or a similar Lenten Event.

**PARISH MEETING:** We need to have a meeting to discuss the combing of Parishes. We are looking for feedback to schedule this meeting in conjunction with Father Waslo in the New Year.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** On Sundays, after Divine Liturgy we will sing a few Christmas after Liturgy has ended to celebrate the Christmas Season. Everyone is welcome to stay and participate! Thank You Dr. Richard!

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please contact the rectory at 570-735-2262 or put a request in the collection basket.

**MAJOR HOLY DAY:** On Thursday, January 6 we celebrate the Feast of The Theophany of Our Lord which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**BLESSING OF WATER:** On Thursday, January 6 we will have the service of the Blessing of Water. Please remember to bring your containers in order to bring water home.

**CANDLES:** The 2022 Candle Sheets are now I the back of the Church.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** The church envelopes have not yet arrived. You can put your donation in an envelope with you name- keep in mind that **we do not use the Church Envelope Numbers to identify a parishioner.** If you need a plain envelope, there is on available in the back of the chuch.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, is Epiphany and Theophany the same Feast Day?**

Epiphany and Theophany are two different feasts that are celebrated on the same day. One Holy Day and two events are remembered on that day. The Western Church(Roman Catholic) emphasizes the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles(Magi or Three Kings) and they do recognize the baptism of Jesus Christ on the same day- the Western Church calls it Epiphany from the Greek{to reveal}. The Eastern Church(Ukrainian Church is one of the Eastern Churches) emphasizes the baptism of the “Adult” Jesus Christ in the Jordan River at the beginning of his ministry and the three kings are remembered –the Eastern Church calls this Feast Day Theophany, from the Greek {to show us God}.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, is on January 1<sup>st</sup> we celebrate the Circumcision of Christ- I was watching EWTN, the Western Church celebrates a feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary- what’s going on?**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> after giving birth a faithful Jewish woman would present herself to the Temple for the cleansing ritual and prayers according to the law. On the 8<sup>th</sup> day for a male child after being born, the child is presented to the priests for circumcision in obedience to Mosaic Law. Both events, the Synaxis of the Mother of God and Circumcision of Jesus Christ are being remembered simultaneously regardless of the title of the feast. What this witnesses is that even God obeys His own law and Mary and Joseph are faithful as well.

**PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH**

O Glorious St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ’s Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Protect the Sovereign Pontiff and all bishops and priests united with him. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ and the Church He founded. Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector, and guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me purity of heart and a love for the spiritual life. After your example, let all my actions be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

# JANUARY CANDLES

The **Altar Candles** are given by Father Walter Pasicznyk  
In loving memory of Ihor Pasicznyk & Family.

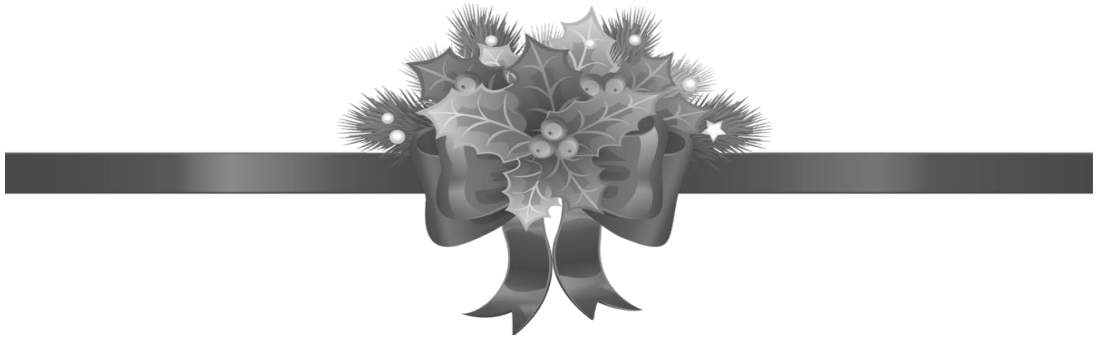
The **Eternal Light** is given by Anna Kutsup  
In loving memory of Anna Kucab.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen  
For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Icon Table Candle before the Theotokos** is Given by Lisa Placek & Helen Lipowski in  
loving memory of Catherine Slota.

The **Proskomedie Table** is given by Lisa Placek &  
Helen Lipowski for God's Blessings on Anna Kutsup.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Olympia Pasicznyk  
in loving memory of the Kuczera and Rogozinska Families.



**CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKETS OF CHRISTMAS FUTURE:** If anyone has a gently used Christmas Tree, Nativity, Outdoor Decorations, etc. that they are no longer using and wish to donate to the church for Flea Markets of Christmas Future please contact the rectory 570-735-2262 or Johanna 570-256-7883. You don't need to hold on to that tree to next November!

