# Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast.

There is a third century dialogue about the services for Theophany between the holy martyr Hippolytus and Saint Gregory the Wonderworker. In the following centuries, from the fourth to ninth century, all the great Fathers of the Church: Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, John of Damascus, commented on the Feast of Theophany.

The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this Feast, which is sung at Orthodox services even today. Saint John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but "to bury human sin by water," to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify "the nature of water" and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Undivided. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms. The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).

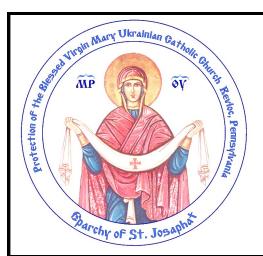


Weekly Liturgy Schedule				
Weekend		Week Day		
Saturday	4:00PM Northern Cambria	Monday	8:30AM Northern Cambria	
Sunday	9:00AM Northern Cambria	Tuesday	6:30PM Revloc	
	11:00AM Revloc	Wednesday	8:30AM Northern Cambria	
	5:00PM Northern Cambria	Thursday	8:30AM Northern Cambria	
Liturgy schedule may change due to Holy Days throughout the year.				

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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of January 5 to 12, 2020

# Welcome to our Parish

Christ is among us! He is and always will be! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week				
Sunday, Jan 5	Sunday before Theophany	Chuff Family		
Jan 6	No Liturgy			
Jan 7	Liturgy 6:30PM	Darla Tishok		
Jan 8	No Liturgy			
Jan 9	No Liturgy			
Jan 10	No Liturgy			
Jan 11	No Liturgy			
Sunday, Jan 12	Sunday after Theophany	Chuff Family		

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# **Sunday Before the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ** 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Mark 1:1-8

### Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

#### Kondakion

You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.

#### Prokeimenion (Tone 6)

Save Your people, O Lord and bless Your inheritance.

*Verse*: 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.

#### Alleluia

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

#### Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3X)

## **PARISH NEWS**

Weekly Collection - December 29, 2019 \$312.00 Thank you for your generosity.

**Nut Roll Sale** - Thank you to the donor of the all supplies. \$491.00 profit.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Birthday Sunday - Birthday Sunday will be January 19th

Weekday Liturgy - Tuesday at 6:30PM

Weekly Exercise - Thursday evenings at 6:30PM

**Blessing of Homes** - Fr. Andriy will bless homes on January 12 following the Liturgy. If you want a different day, please see him to arrange for your home to be blessed.

#### **Up Coming Events:**

Blessing of Homes - January 12 following the Liturgy

#### **Prayer List**

**Parishioners:** Francis Charney, Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Michael Lutak

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, George Datsko, Brian Smith, Breanna Borlie, Robin Wagner, Mrs. Denny LuKatch, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, Mark Chuff

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

### Joke of the Day

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want

to see who's best at his job. So they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert it. Later they get together.

The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

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