

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation **Blessing of Holy Water**

The Font: the vessel in which the blessing of water takes place carries a great symbolic meaning. Externally, this vessel resembles a chalice for Holy Communion. The vessel for the blessing of water is a large bowl on a low stand with a round base for placement on a table. As a vessel and container of God's grace, the bowl for the blessing of water approaches in its symbolic meaning the Eucharistic cup—the Chalice—and, like the chalice, signifies the Holy Theotokos (Mother of God) and Ever-Virgin Mary, in Whose womb formed the human nature of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The round of the cup for the blessing of the water symbolizes the circle of the earthly Church, the round up itself, into which water is poured, symbolizes the heavenly Church, and both together they are symbolic of the Mother of God, as the Most Pure Vessel of God's grace.

The Candles: three candles are put at the start of the blessing of water, in the image of the Holy Trinity, which sanctifies and enlightens people by God's grace.

The Breath: three times, each time breathing over the water in the form of a cross is the breath of the Holy Spirit, the gesture of exorcism, purifying the water from the contamination and influence of the evil powers.

The Hand: this liturgical gesture symbolizes the blessing of Jordan, as though Jesus Christ Himself comes and touches the waters in order that to all who are "sprinkled with it, drink of it, or wash with it" it may bring "sanctification, healing, cleansing and blessing."

The Cross: the celebrant immerses the holy cross into the water three times symbolizing the manifestation of the Holy Trinity as Jesus Christ stepped out of the water, described in a poetic way by the troparion.

According to Church belief, Holy Water is not merely water of spiritual significance, but a new being, a spiritual-corporeal being, an intertwining of heaven and earth, of grace and matter, and a close one at that. This is why the Holy Water, according to Church holy Canons, is viewed as a kind of lower degree of Holy Communion: in those cases, when a penance and prohibition against approaching (to receive) the Holy Body and Precious Blood is imposed on a member of the Church due to committed sins, there is a provision, usual to Canons: "He may drink Holy Water only."

Saint John Chrysostom has said that the Water of Theophany remains unspoiled for many years, being fresh, pure and pleasing as if it has been drawn from a living spring at this moment. This is the miracle of God's grace, which even now everyone can see!



Weekly Liturgy Schedule			
Weekend		Week Day	
Saturday	4:00PM Northern Cambria	Monday	6:30AM Northern Cambria
Sunday	9:00AM Northern Cambria	Tuesday	6:30AM Northern Cambria
	11:00AM Revloc	Wednesday	6:00PM Revloc
	5:00PM Northern Cambria		

Liturgy schedule may change due to Holy Days throughout the year.



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Our Weekly Bulletin


Week of
January 17 to 24, 2021

Welcome to our Parish

Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jan 17	32nd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Zacchaeus	✠ George and Anna Rykola
Jan 18	No Liturgy	
Jan 19	No Liturgy	
Jan 20	No Liturgy	
Jan 21	No Liturgy	
Jan 22	No Liturgy	
Jan 23	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 24	33rd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Publican and the Pharisee	Steve Deskevich

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our family in Christ. You have found your way home.



Sunday of Zacchaeus

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Luke 19:1-10

Troparion (Tone 8)

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days for burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Kondakion

When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O most merciful One.

Theotokion

To you, O Mother of God, the invincible leader, we, your servants, ascribe these victory hymns in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil. With your invincible power free us from all dangers that we may cry out to you: "Hail, O Bride, and pure Virgin!"

Prokeimen

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let us come before His countenance with praise
and acclaim Him with psalms.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

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

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - January 10, 2020 - \$1,225.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Activities - All activities are cancelled except for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday

Safety Precautions - With the increase in cases of the virus and to keep our church open, remember to social distance and wear a mask

Saturdays with Jesus - The next meeting will be Saturday, January 23, 2021.

10:00AM - Anyone 12 to adult 2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

Blessing of Homes - Father will be blessing homes for the parishioners who would like him to visit. Please let him know if you would like your house blessed. It has not been determined if there will be a Sunday to bless houses in the radius of the church.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

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

Joke of the Day

When a brand-new priest arrived at his first parish, several of the "Great Old Saints" of the parish who had been waiting to die did just that. Consequently, in four weeks the priest had eight funeral. Because he was so busy and exhausted, he did not have time to write his regular Sunday homily, so he used the sermon from the Sunday before three more times. When members of the congregation complained to the bishop, the bishop asked what the sermon was about. The members paused, scratching their heads. The bishop said, "He better use it one more time."

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