

Looking Ahead . . .

February

Feb 13 - Marriage Sunday

Feb 28 - First day of Lent

March

March 19 & 26 Pysanky Class

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord. God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness,” and “in the region of the shadow of death”, and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace. In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind. The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times. 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. The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this Feast, which is sung at 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).

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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Христос Раждається!
ГЛАВІТЕ ЙОГО!

Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of January 2 to 9, 2022

Sunday, Jan 2	Sunday before Theophany	✠ Miroslav Danylo
Jan 3	No Liturgy	
Jan 4	No Liturgy	
Jan 5	Vigil Liturgy for the Theophany 5:00PM	
Jan 6	Theophany of our Lord and Savior	
Jan 7	No Liturgy	
Jan 8	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 9	Sunday after Theophany	✠ Nicholas Oriti

*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 kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

Sunday before the Theophany

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Mark 1:1-8

Troparion Tone 7

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.

Kondakion

No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, 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!"

Prokeimenon (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, Alleluia

God, be merciful to us and bless us.

Alleluia, 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)

Notice about the Child Protection

It is important to remind the people of our parish from time to time that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer, he or she should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop, who can be reached at his chancery by dialing (440) 888-1522, or by writing to him at PO Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. You may also report it to the Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk at (412) 215-5372. For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/>.

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - December 25 & 26, 2021 - \$1,483.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Saturdays with Jesus - Saturday, January 8, 2022 - 10:00AM - Adult class

2:00PM - Children from 5 and up

Blessing of Houses - Father will be blessing houses on Jan 9.



Blessing of the Jordan
Wednesday, January 5
at 5:00PM

Prayer List

Parishioners: Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Tuinstra family, 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

Jim asked the televangelist to pray for his hearing. After three minutes of violent shaking and trying to push him over backwards, the preacher asked, "How's your hearing?" Jim replied, "I don't know. It doesn't take place until Tuesday at the courthouse."

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