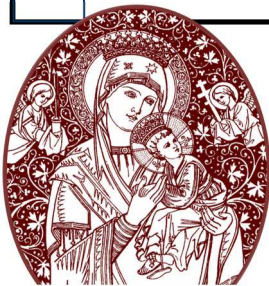


There is no preparatory season of fasting before Theophany, as there is before the Nativity; fasting is limited to a single day, the vigil. On January 1, we commemorated the Lord's circumcision, and his hidden life in Nazareth. On the days from January 2 through January 4, we sing the Troparion of the Pre-feast of Theophany:

*Zebulun, make ready; Naphtali, prepare yourself.
 O River Jordan, stand and leap for joy
 to receive the Master coming to be baptized.
 O Adam, rejoice with the first mother, Eve,
 and do not hide yourselves as once you did in Paradise.
 For, seeing you naked, Christ has appeared to put on the first robe.
 He has appeared to renew all creation.*

Zebulun and Naphtali are territories near Capernaum, where our Lord would go to live following the arrest of John the Baptist; it was here that he would begin his preaching, in accordance with the prophecies of Isaiah) January 5 is celebrated as a solemn vigil. A strict fast is held, accompanied by the singing of the Royal Hours recounting the prophecies of the Messiah and the Gospel accounts of the events surrounding His baptism. On the morning of January 6, the Divine Liturgy is celebrated. The Great Blessing of Water - one of the most solemn blessings of the Church year - is also part of the celebration of Theophany. After the Great Blessing of Water, the faithful may drink some of the newly-blessed Jordan water, and take some home for use in blessings, or to give to anyone who is ill during the year. After Theophany, priests usually bless the homes of the faithful, using the Jordan water blessed in church.



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Welcome to Our Parish



Our Weekly Bulletin

Christ is Baptized In the Jordan

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
Sunday, Jan 7	Sunday after the Theophany	Mary Catherine Hoover
Jan 8	No Liturgy	
Jan 9	No Liturgy	
Jan 10	No Liturgy	
Jan 11	No Liturgy	
Jan 12	No Liturgy	
Jan 13	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 14	Zacchaeus Sunday	✠ Charles Lutak from Vicki Karnish

*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 after Theophany

Ephesians 4:7-14

Matthew 4:12-17

First Antiphon

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people,*
Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Savior, save us.
The sea beheld this and fled,* the Jordan turned back on its course.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Savior, save us.
Why was it, O Sea, that you fled,* that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Savior, save us.

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.

Troparion of the Theophany (Tone 1)

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,* worship of the Trinity was revealed:* the voice
of the Father bore witness to You,* naming You “beloved Son,”* and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the Word’s certainty.* Glory to You, O Christ God,* who appeared and enlightened
the world.

Kondakion (Tone 4)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit* now and forever and ever. Amen.

Today You have appeared to the world* and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us,* who with
knowledge sing Your praises.* You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon (Tone)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us* as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us* as we have hoped in You.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation

I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Irmos, Instead of “It is truly”

O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.

Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due,* O Mother of God.* Even a Spirit from above is
filled with dizziness* when seeking to sing Your praises.* But since you are good accept our faith,*
for you know well our love inspired by God.* For it is you who protect all Christians;*
therefore, we magnify you.

Communion Verse

The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all.

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

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - December 31, 2023 - \$470.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will be January 13th
Adults 10:00-12:00 and Children 2:00-3:30.

Blessing of Water - Water will be blessed today following the Divine Liturgy.

Blessing Homes - Father Andriy will bless homes in the Ebensburg/Cambria and Jackson Twp.
Areas on January 14 following the Sunday Liturgy.

Please see Father Andriy if you would like to schedule a different day or
if you live in another area and would like him to come and bless your house.

Christmas Dinner - We will be sharing of annual Christmas Dinner following
the Divine Liturgy. Hope everyone brought a dessert.

Chrismation - On January 14, Nino Cambria will be confirmed in our church.

There will be a small celebration for Nino. Ham and cheesy potatoes will be proved.
Please bring a covered dish to add to the meal.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer,
the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris,
Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene,
Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem,
Linda Kusmierski. *To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

Joke of the Day

Getting two young children and myself dressed and ready for church was
challenging. As we rushed out the door, I knew it was going to be a close call
getting there on time. The usher greeted me and quickly guided me toward the
front row. Once seated, I immediately felt like I was being watched. After what
felt like eternity but was only a few minutes, a lady tapped me on the shoulder
and said, “Do you realize you have curlers in your hair?” I had rushed out so
fast I forgot about the curlers. Needless to say, I was so embarrassed I felt like
crawling under the seat. Now I check the back of my head before leaving home,
and I sit in the back of the church.