

Theophany of our Lord

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). 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" (Mt.4:16), 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, 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. 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 "All of you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date
 that he will be with us to celebrate
 the 100 years of the founding of our parish.
273 days or 39 weeks

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jan 4	Sunday before Theophany	⌘ Steve Deskevich Dolly Powell
Jan 5	No Liturgy	
Jan 6	No Liturgy	
Jan 7	No Liturgy	
Jan 8	No Liturgy	
Jan 9	No Liturgy	
Jan 10	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 11	Sunday after Theophany	⌘ George & Jennie Manculich

*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 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.

Troparion of the Pre-feast of the Theophany Tone 4

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, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kondakion of the Pre-feast of the Theophany Tone 4

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.

Prokeimenion of the Pre-feast of the Theophany (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 of the Pre-feast of the Theophany

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)

Welcome to Fr. Roman Andiitso and his family.

Thank you for being with us while Fr. Andriy and his family are on vacation.

Ласкаво просимо до отця Романа Андійцо та його родини.
Дякуємо, що були з нами, поки отець Андрій та його родина у відпустці.

Weekly Collection - December 28, 2025 - \$230.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$135.00 Holy Day. - \$10.00 Candles - \$5.00 Fuel. - \$5.00
Flowers - \$25.00 Dues - \$10.00 Misc - \$40.00

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Dinner - Join us for our Annual Christmas dinner following the Liturgy.

Blessing of Water - Water will be blessed on January 11th. Bring your containers for water.

Blessing of Houses - Father Andriy will bless houses in the Ebensburg area on January 11th.

World Marriage Day - A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Feb. 14th at 11:00AM in our parish.

There will be a Divine Liturgy, renewal of vows, photos followed by a lite luncheon in our church hall.
Please complete and return the below form no later than Sunday, January 11, 2026

Pyrohy Pinching Days - Get your pinching fingers ready for January 23 and January 30.

Pyrohy Sales - Once again our parish we be selling pyrohy for Lent. Orders are due by January 21.

Tell your friends and family to come and buy our pyrohy.

Prayer List

Millie Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones, Sarah Wilson, Lori Sedlock, Helen Farster, Bekka Facemire. *To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

Joke of the Day

Moved by the church service, the richest man in town stood up and addressed the congregation. "I remember the day I earned my first dollar," he said. "That night I went to a church meeting and the speaker told us about his humanitarian work. I had only that single dollar, and I had to make a decision: Give it to his worthy cause or keep it. So I gave him all the money I had. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a millionaire today." As he sat down, a woman shouted, "I dare you to do it again."