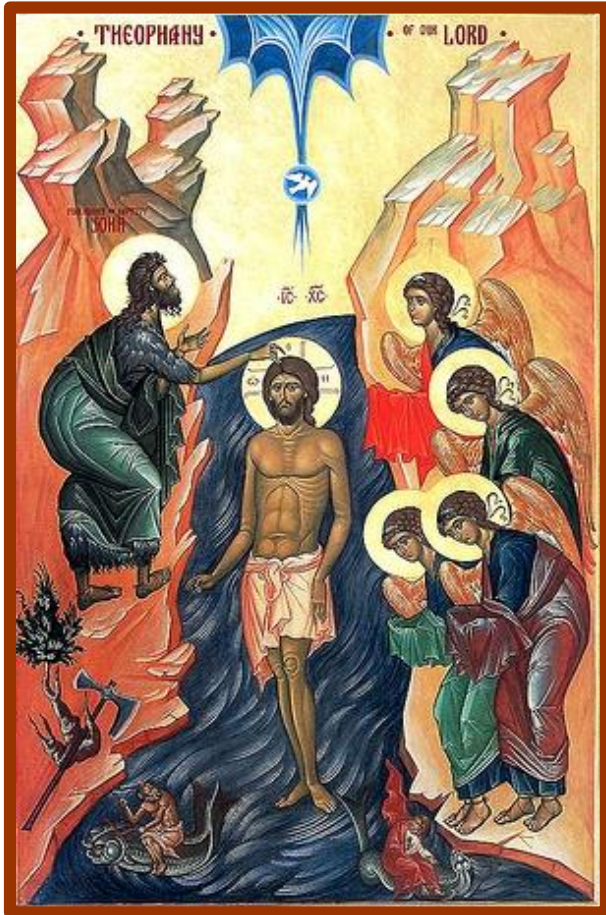


# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 12, 2020**

**Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
Martyr St. Tatiana of Rome and Her Companions**

We extend our appreciation again to all those faithful who gave so generously for the adornment of the Temple during the Nativity and Theophany season. Current donations are listed on Page 4. Everyone is invited to take home the poinsettia plants today following the Liturgy. ***Joyous Feast!***

## COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE...

- **Home Blessings Continue!** Please contact Fr. David to schedule your home blessing, or be ready to set a date when Father contacts you. For more details, see the back page of the Bulletin.
- **Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 PM,** Parish Council Meeting, in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.
- **Monday, January 20, 7:00 PM,** Prayer Service for the Victims of Abortion
- **Sunday, January 26, After the Liturgy: Annual Parish Meeting.** Orthodox Christian adult members of Holy Trinity Church who are active in the Sacraments may participate in voting and discussion on matters affecting the life of the parish.
- **Friday, Jan. 31, Altar Servers' Outing.** Father will share the details with altar servers & families directly.
- **Saturday, February 15, 7-9 PM, Family Bowling Night.** Please speak with Steve Cheplick for details.
- **Friday – Sunday, May 15-17, Diocesan Altar Server Retreat,** at St. Basil Academy in Garrison NY. It'll be here before you know it, so families, please mark your calendars!
- **Saturday – Sunday, May 30-31, Archbishop Michael's Archpastoral Visit to Our Parish.** Plan to be here!

## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

**Today – Afterfeast of the Theophany; Martyr St. Tatiana of Rome and Her Companions**

8:40 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

**Monday, January 13**

7:00 PM Akathist to Saint Nina of Georgia

**Tuesday, January 14**

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

**Saturday, January 18**

5:00 PM Great Vespers; Private Confession Available Afterward

**Sunday, January 19**

8:40 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

**TODAY'S EPISTLE Ephesians 4:7-13** Brethren: to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-17** At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



### YOU CAN GO? GREAT!

See Fr. David. The Chemung Valley 4 Life Coalition runs buses to the March for \$60/person, leaving Thursday 1/23, 11:30 PM. Bus 1 leaves from St. Mary Our Mother Church and stops in Mansfield, PA.

Bus 2 leaves from NDHS in Southport (Elmira) and stops in Painted Post.

Here on Mon. 1/20 at 7 PM we'll serve the Prayer Service for the Victims of Abortion.

Visit Chemung Valley 4 Life at [www.cv4life.org](http://www.cv4life.org) for many local Pro-Life events!

**Prayer List**

**Memory Eternal:** Vera, Neil, Elena, Sergei, Nicholas, Alexander, Zinaide, Ludmila, Rustem, Yuri, Igor, Yuri, Semyon, Lev, Yuri, the child Ephrem; Amelia; Frank; Taisia; George; Jack; Brian; Dn. Gregory Jewett

**For Health:** Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Dn. John Holoduek, Sdn. Thomas, Rdr. Thomas, Rdr. William & Matushka Anastasia (Mat. Tamara’s mom), recovering from surgery; Susan (Kathryn Karney’s mother), James & Jane Ann (Fr. David’s parents), Mat. Anastasia, Children Patrick & Hannah, Chloe, Mary Ann, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Antonina, Ruth, Harriett, Elizabeth, Katherine, Kristen, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Julie and the child to be born to her, Vera, Virginia, Ludmilla, Marilyn. **In the Diocese:** Diane, Peter, Brother John, Veronica, Judith, Matushka Elizabeth, Patricia, Marie, Tara, Mary Jo and her children Nathan, Matthew and Michael.

**Name Days:** Anthony Lyon, Ryan DeSocio (1/17, St. Anthony the Great), Gabriel Kyrill Cowan (1/18, St. Cyril of Alexandria)

**Parish Children:**

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

**College Students:**

Anna McKane – Studying in China                      Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David or to a Subdeacon or Reader.

Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health

remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you. `

<b>Fellowship Schedule:</b>		<b>Readers Schedule:</b>	
<b>Jan 12th</b>	<b>Cheplick Family</b>	<b>Jan. 11th &amp; 12th:</b>	<b>Steve Cheplick</b>
<b>Jan. 19th</b>	<b>Urda, Cusick and Speen</b>	<b>Jan. 18th &amp; 19th:</b>	<b>Alexander Charlanow</b>
<b>Jan. 26th</b>	<b>King Family</b>	<b>Jan. 25th &amp; 26th:</b>	<b>Carol Haluszczak</b>
<b>Feb. 2nd</b>	<b>Charlanow Family</b>	<b>Feb. 1st &amp; 2nd:</b>	<b>Sdcn. Shawn Michael</b>
<b>Feb. 9th</b>	<b>Karney Family</b>	<b>Feb. 8th &amp; 9th:</b>	<b>Rdr. William</b>
<b>Feb. 16th</b>	<b>Haluszczak Family</b>	<b>Feb 15th &amp; 16th:</b>	<b>Alexander Charlanow</b>
<b>Feb. 23rd</b>	<b>Dudek and Payzant</b>	<b>Feb. 22nd &amp; 23rd:</b>	<b>Steve Cheplick</b>

**WISDOM FROM A CONTEMPORARY SAINT**

“The Father was revealed to the sense of hearing; the Spirit was revealed to the sense of sight, and in addition to these, the Son was revealed to the sense of touch. ... [W]hen John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation was shown. That is to say: The Lord took upon Himself the sins of mankind and died under them – immersion – and became alive again – the coming out of the water; and we must die as the old sinful man and become alive again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation.”

– St. Nikolai Velimirovich (Rector of St. Tikhon’s Seminary, who reposed there in 1956)

# RE-CLAIMING OUR HOMES FOR CHRIST: A NOTE ON HOUSE BLESSINGS

When our houses or apartments are blessed, we reclaim our homes, and everyone and everything in them, for Christ: our wives, our husbands, our marriages... our children... our working and studying... our worrying and our struggling... our decisions and our dilemmas... our successes and our rejoicing: we reclaim all of our lives for Christ, by inviting Him into our inner sanctum.



The custom of blessing homes during the Theophany season is of special beauty and significance. We show the Lord – and the devil – that we wish for God to physically expel every trace of sin, anger, bitterness, and worry that has invaded our homes and our families over the past year!

Plan your home blessing at a time when **all family members can be present**, if at all possible.

When Father comes to bless the home, these things should be prepared:

- A lit candle, an icon, and a wide bowl for Holy Water should be on the table.
- All present in the house should participate. If kids are present, an icon for each child to carry (who is big enough to carry one) should also be on the table.
- All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.
- Lists of Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

## **NATIVITY AND THEOPHANY REMEMBRANCE DONATIONS ...**

Samuel and Kate Payzant, in Memory of Hannah Meyn

The Haluszczak Family, in Memory of William and Catherine Haluszczak,  
Walter Holobinko and all departed Family Members

Reader Thomas and Mildred Cheplick, in Memory of all departed Cheplick and Petelchuk Family Members

**THANK YOU!**



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