

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Tone 7 || THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Festal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: **Epistle:** Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 **GOSPEL:** MATTHEW 3:13-17
Great Blessing of Waters: **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 **Gospel:** Mark 1:9-11

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JAN. 6th: Holy Theophany 8:40am - Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, Blessing of Water. Fellowship Hour

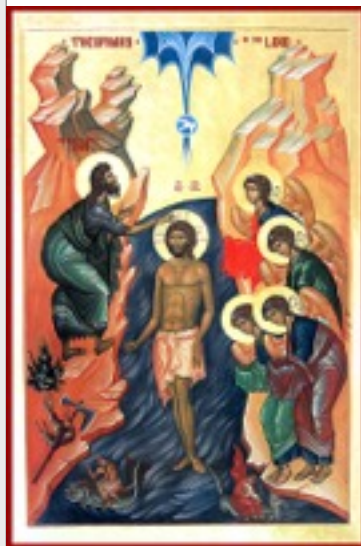
SATURDAY, JAN. 12th: 5:00pm - Great Vespers

SUNDAY, JAN. 13th: 8:40am - Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour

Upcoming:

Saturday, Feb. 2nd: - The Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Fellowship Hour.



Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Today is the Great Feast of the Theophany. This 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).

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.

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,

Prayer List

+Memory Eternal:

James - Newly Departed 12/12

Archpriest John U.

Archpriest Stephen

Priest John B.

Deacon Mark H.

Parker

Lindsay

Hannah

Katerina

For the Health of:

Archpriest Jason Elizabeth

Archpriest Herman Kristen

Rdr. David Katherine

Rdr. Thomas Ruth

Mildred Valerie

Nadezhda Helen

Kathleen Lee

Child Hannah Elizabeth

Leon Anastasia

Kate Margarete

Antonina Mary Ann

Kathryn & unborn Child

Special Intentions:

Reader Thomas - 90th Birthday

Zachary H and Yelena M - preparing for Holy Matrimony

For those traveling:

Antonina Melnik

Nadezhda Melnik

Maria Turic

All those traveling in this Holiday season

Parish Children:

Lucia Natalie Angelina Nadia

Hannah Emilia John Nathan

Jeremiah Patrick Thomas Justus

Andrew Dimitri Nikolai

Myra Jonah Melania

Anthony Gabriel Alexei

Anysia Anna Larissa

Lydia Katherine Julianna

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).

House Blessings - As is the Holy custom of our Faith during the Theophany season, we are pleased to offer home Blessings in the month of January. Please sign up with Subdeacon Shawn Michael for a time.

Poinsettias: Please feel free to carry home the Poinsettia plants that adorned the Church during the recent Festal period. Thank you again to all who made an offering for their purchase.

Year End Tax Statements: 2018 Year End Charitable contribution tax statements are being prepared for all parishioners who contributed more than \$100.00 for the 2018 calendar year. Statements will be distributed directly to parishioners starting next Sunday.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the Christmas Social last Sunday. We hope to continue and expand this parish social event in future years. We will be taking a small break from parish potluck's until our annual meal on Cheesefare Sunday (March 10th).

In the meantime the Sunday Fellowship hour will continue to be hosted by rotating families each week. If you would like to join with a family or your family would like to host a Sunday Fellowship please speak with Kathryn Karney. We greatly appreciate all those who have dedicated their resources to hosting each Sunday. May God Bless your generosity and hospitality!

Fellowship Schedule:

January 6th Haluszczak & Plummer

January 13th King & Lyon Families

January 20th Dudek & Payzant Families

January 27th Urda, Speen & Cusick

Readers

Schedule:

Jan. 5th & 6th Rdr. William / Sdcn. Michael

Jan. 12th & 13th Steve Cheplick

Jan. 19th & 20th Alexander Charlanow

Jan. 26th & 27th Antonina Melnik