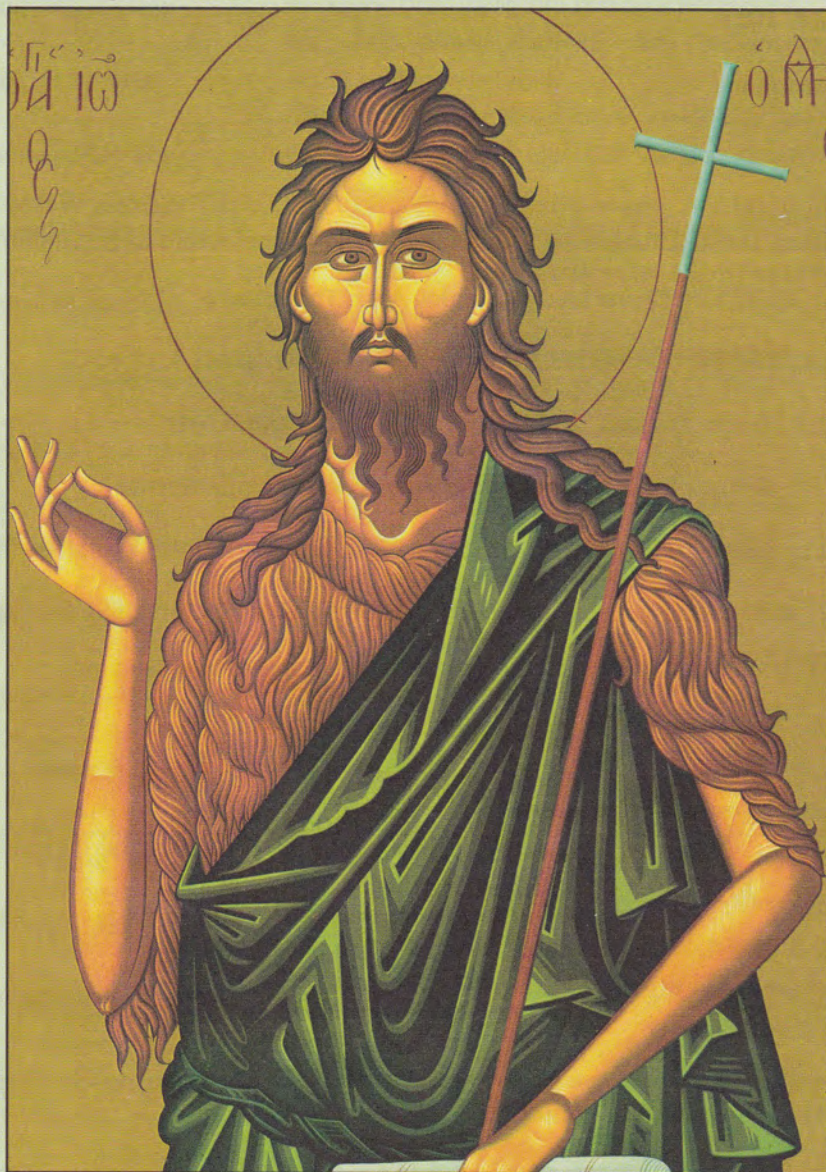


SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY (EPIPHANY)
SYNAXIS OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



Icon of Saint John the Baptist

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, January 7, 2017

Sunday After Theophany

SAT. JANUARY 6: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Theophany of Our Lord The Great Water-Blessing
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for living Benefactors of St. Vladimir Church

SUN JANUARY 7: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday After Theophany

MON. JANUARY 8: George, Dominica & Emilian Venerables READ Mark 10:46-52

TUE. JANUARY 9: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Gods blessings for John Knott

WED. JANUARY 10: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy + Stefan Sydor by Linda Gerrity

THU. JANUARY 11: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Gods healing for Michael McConnell by friends

FRI. JANUARY 12: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy + I.M.O Deceased Benefactors of St. Vladimir Church

SAT. JANUARY 13: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Harry Krewsun by Myronyuk Family

SUN JANUARY 14: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of Zacchaeus

Collection Basket



December 30 & 31 \$ 4,433

We thank last week counters:

Paul Ewasko & Pat Waznak

Next in Line

Helen Pietryka & Dorothy Kowalchick

JANUARY 5-12

Happy Birthday!

Peter Gaffney - January 9

Paul Ewasko - January 10

Luke Simon Ruane - January 11

Joshua Tucker - January 12

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER ILLNESS

O Lord, You feel the pain of the world.
Look down upon all the sick and suffering.
Enfold them in Your love that in the midst of pain they might find Your presence.
To doctors and nurses, grant tender hearts and healing hands
and give health again in body and soul
to those that are ill for the sake of Your tender mercy.
Amen

Announcements

1. NEW TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2018

- JANUARY 20 – PYROHY
- FEBRUARY 4– PRE-LENTEN DINNER
- FEBRUARY 6 – TEXAS ROADHOUSE DINNER (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)
- FEBRUARY 17 – PYROHY
- FEBRUARY 12 –FIRST DAY OF LENT
- MARCH 17 – PYROHY
- APRIL 1 - EASTER
- APRIL 15 – EASTER DINNER
- MAY 13 – FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION
- MAY 19 – BUS TRIP TO NYC

2. Children's Religious Education Returns

Children's Religious Education Classes will resume January 7

3. BLESSING OF HOMES

If you would like your home Blessed by Fr. Myron, mark an envelope "Home Blessing" and drop it in the collection basket. Fr. Myron will then contact you to schedule a Home Blessing. Take advantage of this long-time Ukrainian Tradition!

4. CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ann Moschorak, Bachelor of Arts, who graduated magna cum laude from Kutztown University. What a wonderful accomplishment! We wish Ann much success and happiness in life. Congratulations also to her proud parents Ronald and Carolyn

Announcements

5. WINTER PYROHY/PIEROGY SALE

Winter homemade pyrohy sale will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at the parish center. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Advance orders can be placed no later than Tuesday, January 16 by calling Leslie at 570 342-3749.

6. Registration cards

Please fill out and return registration cards we are updating our mailing list, even if your address is remaining the same please return. Thank you

7. ATTENTION PARISHIONERS 2018 ENVELOPES

2018 church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please pick up and deliver boxes

Theophany of Our Lord January 6

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who was some six months older than Our Saviour according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Saviour also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvelous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man. From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that the present feast is called "Theophany," that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

1. Accept and appropriate for the inner life the peace brought by the Christmas Christ.
2. Find gladness in the memory of every great experience through the past, in the glow of every present blessing, in the hope of all future joys.
3. Be humble and lowly of heart; always ready to forgive; quick to recognize your faults and slow to take offense.
4. Center the thoughts each day on how much love, service and kindness can be given, instead of what material things are lacking.
5. Seek earnestly divine guidance. Wait on the Lord and run not ahead of His plans. No blunder can ever be made when life is lived within His will.
6. Love, and there will be no room for envy. Trust, and there will be no place for worry. Have faith, and there will be no doubts.
7. Magnify the things of eternal value and minimize the temporary. Put aside the petty cares that pass with the passing day.
8. Refuse to let jealousy, covetousness, greed and envy preoccupy your mind and short-circuit your prayers.
9. Steady life by having a lofty purpose. Lift its horizon by contemplating the needs of all mankind. Widen your vision by loving the world as God loved it.
10. Rest in Christ. He is the secret of the abundant life, the fulfillment of every worthwhile dream and desire. ~By Tal Bonham

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

Mid-Valley Nursing Home

Mary Wasyluniak

Linwood Nursing Home

Dolores Zapotochny

Mountain View

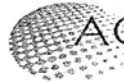
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John Monsul
Stella Patrick

Home

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Ronald Kozak
Kathleen Izak
Sharon Selwocki
Ann Cosminski
Walter Skula
Doris Romancho
Mary Warholak
Dorothy Kowalchick
Irene Slagan
Michael McConnell
Olga Trusz

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning January 6, 2017

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|----|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Harry, Doris, Greg and Matthew Romancho
For : I.M.O. +Wasyly, +Catherine, and +William Romancho |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: The Chandoha Family
For: God bless John Knott for return to good health |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron and Faithful of St. Vladimir's church
For : +Souls in Purgatory |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Parish family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for Adam Ruane |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Olenka Knott
For: Health and God's Blessings for John Knott |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Nadia Biloskirka
For: I.M.O. +Nicholas Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker
For: Health & God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For: I.M.O. +Joseph E. Laskowski, Sr. |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Walter Skula
For: I.M.O. +Dorothy Skula |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Servants of God
For: Vocations to Holy Priesthood and Religious Life |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: Health of Ihor Shablovsky |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: God's Blessings for the Sick and Disabled |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Sophie Soniak
For: +Souls in Soniak Family |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Sharon and Charles Drumsta, Jr.
For: I.M.O. +Betty Smulek and I.M.O. +Charles Drumsta Sr. |

CONFESSION

For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viky!

Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter & Paul, 47 Rittenhouse Street, Simpson,
Pennsylvania

Sick calls / Communion calls / Home visits/ Emergencies: call parish office.

The Voice is John, the Word is Christ

John is the voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the Word who lives forever.

Do you need proof that the voice passes away but the divine Word remains? Where is John's baptism today? It served its purpose, and it went away. Now it is Christ's baptism that we celebrate. It is in Christ that we all believe; we hope for salvation in Him. This is the message the voice cried out.

Because it is hard to distinguish word from voice, even John himself was thought to be the Christ. The voice was thought to be the word. But the voice acknowledged what it was, anxious not to give offense to the word. I am not the Christ, he said, nor Elijah, nor the prophet. And the question came: Who are you, then? He replied: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way for the Lord.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness is the voice of one breaking the silence. Prepare the way

for the Lord, he says, as though he were saying: "I speak out in order to lead him into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him."

To prepare the way means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist. He is thought to be the Christ; he declares he is not what they think. He does not take advantage of their mistake to further his own glory.

If he had said, "I am the Christ," you can imagine how readily he would have been believed, since they believed he was the Christ even before he spoke. But he did not say it; he acknowledged what he was. He pointed out clearly who he was; he humbled himself.

He saw where his salvation lay. He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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