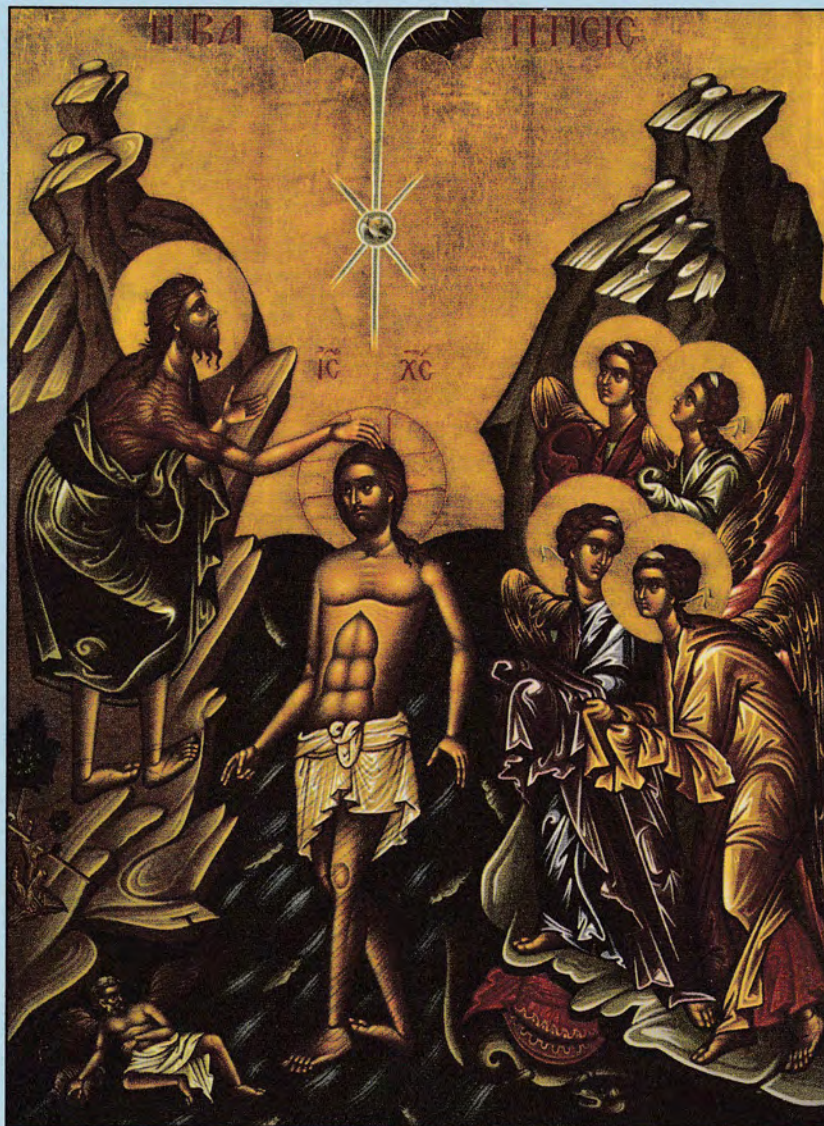


SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Icon of the Theophany (Epiphany) of Our Lord

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. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2018

- JANUARY 13 – PYROHY
- JANUARY 28 – PRE-LENTEN DINNER
- FEBRUARY 6 – TEXAS ROADHOUSE DINNER (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)
- FEBRUARY 10 – PYROHY
- FEBRUARY 12 –FIRST DAY OF LENT
- MARCH 10 – PYROHY
- APRIL 1 - EASTER
- APRIL 15 – EASTER DINNER
- MAY 13 – FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION
- MAY 19 – BUS TRIP TO NYC

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, December 31, 2017

Sunday After Christmas

SAT. DECEMBER 30: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Mark & Leslie Izak
by Walter Skula

SUN DECEMBER 31: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday After Christmas
New Year's Eve

MON. JANUARY 1: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Circumcision of Our Lord Basil the Great
God's blessing for Adam Ruane

TUE. JANUARY 2: Sylvester Pope READ Matthew 3:1-11

WED. JANUARY 3: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's healing for sick Parishioners

THU. JANUARY 4: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Special Intention

FRI. JANUARY 5: Vigil of Theophany READ Luke 2:1-18 FASTING

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

Collection Basket



December 23 & 24 \$ \$4,871

We thank last week counters:

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

Next in Line

Paul Ewasko & Pat Waznak

DECEMBER 30-JANUARY 5

Happy Birthday!

Edward Chomko, Jr. - Dec. 31

John C. Knott - Jan. 4

Announcements

2. VEECHNAYA PAMYAT

Deepest sympathies to Carol Tutka on the passing of her mom, Ann Tutka. Funeral was held in our church this Friday, December 29th at 10:30. Veechnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory.

3. Children's Religious Education Classes

There will be no classes on December 24 and 31. Classes will resume January 7, all teachers wish their students a blessed, safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

4. CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TOTAL OVER \$4,800!

St. Vladimir's would like to thank its Parishioners and Friends for donating \$4,871 to the Church for Christmas this year. Your generosity is very much appreciated and may God reward you for your sacrifices.

5. JANUARY 1ST IS A HOLY DAY

Divine Liturgy will be held New Year's morning at 10:00am in observance of two feasts. First, the Circumcision of Jesus and the Feast of St. Basil the Great. Start off the New Year by coming to church on this very special Day.

1. FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING

The Vigil of Theophany is this Friday, January 5th. This is a Day of Fasting for Ukrainian Catholics. No Meat may be eaten this day.

2. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON SATURDAY

The Theophany of our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, is this Saturday, January 6th. Divine Liturgy will be held at 10:00am here at St. Vladimir's. The Blessing of Water will take place. Please bring along a container if you would like to take Holy Water home with you.

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. ATTENTION PARISHIONERS 2018 ENVELOPES

2017 church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please pick up and deliver boxes

January 1 Saint Basil the Great

Saint Basil the Great was born about the end of the year 329 in Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family renowned for their learning and holiness. His parents' names were Basil and Emily. His mother Emily (commemorated July 19) and his grandmother Macrina (Jan. 14) are Saints of the Church, together with all his brothers and sisters: Macrina, his elder sister (July 19), Gregory of Nyssa (Jan. 10), Peter of Sebastia (Jan. 9), and Naucratus. Basil studied in Constantinople under the sophist Libanius, then in Athens, where also he formed a friendship with the young Gregory, a fellow Cappadocian, later called "the Theologian." Through the good influence of his sister Macrina (see July 19), he chose to embrace the ascetical life, abandoning his worldly career. He visited the monks in Egypt, in Palestine, in Syria, and in Mesopotamia, and upon returning to Caesarea, he departed to a hermitage on the Iris River in Pontus, not far from Annesi, where his mother and his sister Macrina were already treading the path of the ascetical life; here he also wrote his ascetical homilies.

About the year 370, when the bishop of his country reposed, he was elected to succeed to his throne and was entrusted with the Church of Christ, which he tended for eight years, living in voluntary poverty and strict asceticism, having no other care than to defend holy Orthodoxy as a worthy successor of the Apostles. The Emperor Valens, and Modestus, the Eparch of the East, who were of one mind with the Arians, tried with threats of exile and of torments to bend the Saint to their own confession, because he was the bastion of Orthodoxy in all Cappadocia, and preserved it from heresy when Arianism was at its strongest. But he set all their malice at naught, and in his willingness to give himself up to every suffering for the sake of the Faith, showed himself to be a martyr by volition. Modestus, amazed at Basil's fearlessness in his presence, said that no one had ever so spoken to him. "Perhaps," answered the Saint, "you have never met a bishop before." The Emperor Valens himself was almost won over by Basil's dignity and wisdom. When Valens' son fell gravely sick, he asked Saint Basil to pray for him. The Saint promised that his son would be restated if Valens agreed to have him baptized by the Orthodox; Valens agreed, Basil prayed, and the son was restored. But afterwards the Emperor had him baptized by Arians, and the child died soon after. Later, Valens, persuaded by his counsellors, decided to send the Saint into exile because he would not accept the Arians into communion; but his pen broke when he was signing the edict of banishment. He tried a second time and a third, but the same thing happened, so that the Emperor was filled with dread, and tore up the document, and Basil was not banished. The truly great Basil, spent with extreme ascetical practices and continual labours, at the helm of the church, departed to the Lord on the 1st of January, in 379. at the age of forty-nine.

His writings are replete with wisdom and erudition, and rich are these gifts he set forth the doctrines concerning the mysteries both of the creation (see his Hexaemeron) and of the Holy Trinity (see On the Holy Spirit). Because of the majesty and keenness of his eloquence, he is honoured as "the revealer of heavenly things" and "the Great."

Saint Basil is also celebrated on January 30th with Saint Gregory the Theologian and Saint John Chrysostom.

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.

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\$10 | By: Carol Tutka, daughter
For : I.M.O. + Ann Tutka |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for Adam Ruane |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Maria Ruane
For : Health and God's Blessings Meg McClane |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron and Faithful of St. Vladimirs
For: Peace for the World |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: Health of Ihor Shablovsky |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Nadia Biloskirka
For: I.M.O. +Nicholas Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For: I.M.O. +Joseph E. Laskowski, Sr. |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker
For: Health & God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Biessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Walter Skula
For: I.M.O. +Dorothy Skula |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Father Myron and the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Protection of the Unborn |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Helen A. Pagnotti
For: Birthday Blessings and Health – Ruth Pagnozzi |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: New Year's Blessings to One and All |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Helen A. Pagnotti
For: I.M.O. +Ann Tutka |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Sophie Soniak
For: Souls of Maybock Family |

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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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 Anointing with the Holy Spirit

When we were baptized into Christ and clothed ourselves in Him, we were transformed into the likeness of the Son of God. Having destined us to be His adopted sons, God gave us a likeness to Christ in his glory, and living as we do in communion with Christ, God's anointed, we ourselves are rightly called "the anointed ones." When He said: Do not touch my anointed ones, God was speaking of us.

We became "the anointed ones" when we received the sign of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, everything took place in us by means of images, because we ourselves are images of Christ. Christ bathed in the river Jordan, imparting to its waters the fragrance of His divinity, and when He came up from them the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, like resting upon like. So we also, after coming up from the sacred waters of baptism, were anointed with chrism, which signifies the Holy Spirit, by whom Christ was anointed and of whom blessed Isaiah prophesied in the name of the Lord: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because

he has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor.

The oil of gladness with which Christ was anointed was a spiritual oil; it was in fact the Holy Spirit Himself, who is called the oil of gladness because He is the source of spiritual joy. But we too have been anointed with oil, and by this anointing we have entered into fellowship with Christ and have received a share in His life. Beware of thinking that this holy oil is simply ordinary oil and nothing else. After the invocation of the Spirit it is no longer ordinary oil but the gift of Christ, and by the presence of His divinity it becomes the instrument through which we receive the Holy Spirit. While symbolically, on our foreheads and senses, our bodies are anointed with this oil that we see, our souls are sanctified by the Holy and Life-giving Spirit.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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