

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY



Icon of Saints Theona, Theopempt, and Syncletica -- January 5th

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Sunday Before Theophany

SAT JANUARY 4: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Michael & Ann Stec

SUN JANUARY 5: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday Before Theophany

MON. JANUARY 6: **9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Theophany of our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**
please bring your own jars for blessed holy water

TUE. JANUARY 7: Synaxis of John the Baptist READ John 1:29-34


WED. JANUARY 8: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Peter Mackar & Deceased Members of Mackar
Family by John Mackar

THU. JANUARY 9: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's healing and blessing for Stella Patrick
by John Mackar

FRI. JANUARY 10: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Paul Ewasko by Family and Friends

SAT JANUARY 11: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessings for Michael and Eva Sosnowj's
by Family

SUN JANUARY 12: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday After Theophany
God's Blessings for His People

<p><u>Collection Basket</u> </p> <p>We thank last week's counters:</p> <p>Paul Ewasko & Pat Waznak</p> <p>Next in Line:</p> <p>Dorothy Kowalchick & Debbie Dommies</p>	<p><u>Happy Birthday and Anniversary!</u></p> <p>Birthdays January 4 - 10</p> <p>John Knott - Jan. 4</p> <p>Peter Gaffney - Jan. 9</p> <p>Nola Stanton - Jan. 9</p> <p>Paul Ewasko - Jan. 10</p>
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CALENDAR 2020

- January 5th - Children Sunday
- January 25th - Pyrohy
- February 16th - Pork Dinner
- February 24th - First day of Lent/Great Fast
- February 29th - Pyrohy
- March 28th - Pyrohy
- April 12th - Easter
- May 17th – First Solemn Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PARISHIONERS DONATE OVER \$8,000 FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Vladimir's received \$8,101 in Christmas Donations from Parishioners and Friends this year. Thank You to everyone who donated to our Church this Christmas season. May God Bless and Reward you for your thoughtfulness and commitment.

2. BLESSING OF WATER ON MONDAY

The Theophany of our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Monday, January 6th. Divine Liturgy will be held at 9:30am. 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. BULLETIN ADVERTISERS BEING ACCEPTED

If you know of anyone who would like to advertise in our Bulletin, please contact Fr. Myron or Maria Ruane. The prices are very reasonable and will help offset the cost of Bulletin publishing.

5. NEW YEAR'S PARTY NEXT SATURDAY IN BETHLEHEM

St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Bethlehem invites everyone to their New Year's Party next Saturday, January 11th from 7:00pm-11:00pm. There will be a Food Buffet, Beer, Wine, Cocktails, and Dancing. The DJ will be Holiday Sounds. Tickets are \$30. Contact Walter Zagwoski at 610-533-4108 by January 5th.

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6. FESTIVAL OF UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE CATHEDRAL NEXT SUNDAY
The Annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 12, at 3:00 PM at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia. Choirs from all over the Archeparchy will perform. There is no charge for this event, but Donations to support the Cathedral will be gratefully accepted. The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is located at 830 North Franklin Street in Philadelphia.
7. 2020 HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION ANNOUNCED
The Chancery in Philadelphia has released the list of Holy Days of Obligation for 2020, they are: (A) All Sundays of the year. (B) Theophany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ January 6th. (C) Annunciation of the Mother of God March 25th. (D) Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ May 21st. (E) The Apostles, SS. Peter & Paul June 29th. (F) Dormition of the Mother of God August 15th. and (G) Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ December 25th.
8. 2020 CALENDARS AVAILABLE
St. Vladimir's official 2020 calendars are now available in the back of the Church. Thank You once again to the Edward Chomko Funeral Home for donating these beautiful calendars. Pick yours up today.
9. 2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES
2020 church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please be advised that in order to save money on boxes, only those individuals that have given a recorded offering from December 1, 2018 through December 1, 2019 will be issued a box. If there are any errors or if your box is missing please let Father know.
10. H.E.L.P. WITH OUR HEATING COSTS
With the cold weather upon us, it is a good time for a reminder that Donations can be made toward our Energy Costs. Please use the H.E.L.P. {Heat, Electric, Light, Power} envelope in your collection packet. Any Donation would be appreciated. With your H.E.L.P., we can continue to keep our buildings warm this Winter
11. WEEKLY VIGIL CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP
Honor a loved one by sponsoring a Vigil Candle which will be lit for them for an entire week. These 7-day candles are available with your special intention starting at only \$5. Contact Helen Pagnotti to reserve yours today.

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12. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED

Divine Liturgy requests are now being accepted for 2020. Liturgies are available Mondays through Saturdays. Please fill out a request form (pink sheet) located in the back of the Church and drop it into the collection basket or give it to Fr. Myron directly. This is your chance to honor a Loved One (Living or Deceased) by requesting a Divine Liturgy in their Honor.

13. PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please pray for all the sick of the parish, those who are in nursing facilities, at home, or in the hospital. The list is in the back of the Bulletin. May God bless them always.

FAMILY IDEAS FOR THE FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY

1. **Look at Pictures of the Children's Baptisms:** The Feast of Theophany can be a good time to pull out some old pictures of your children's churchings and baptisms. Children love to see pictures and hear stories of themselves! When they see the pictures of themselves as babies being brought to the Church, it can help them draw connections between their lives and the life of Christ. Taking a few minutes during the day to bring out those pictures, baptismal garments, or baptismal candles gives children a tangible reminder that they are part of the Church, that they belong to Christ.
 2. **Bring Holy Water Home:** All of the faithful are invited to take bottles of the blessed water home with them after Liturgy and throughout the festal period. Your bottle can be anything that you would like and can then be kept in your icon corner. Many families give each member a small sip of holy water each morning, while others give it to those who are ill. By having a bottle in your home, you bear witness to the feast, and to Christ's baptism and blessing of the waters, throughout the year.
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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.

Linwood Nursing Home

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Mountain View

Sylvester Cybroski

Nadia Biloskirka

Lackawanna Health Care

Antonietta Kohut

Green Ridge Living

Michael Stec

Kay Futrago

Home

Stella Patrick

Stefan Tutka

Stanley Krupinski

John Monsul

Ceil Harrison

Home

Regina Kozel

John Knott

Walter Tucker, Jr.

Mary Tucker

Ronald Kozak

Dr. Walter Dobushak

Walter Skula

Sophia Soniak

John Ord

Kathleen Izak

Sharon Selwocki

Ann Cosminski

Doris Romancho

Mary Warholak

Dorothy Kowalchick

Home

Irene Slagan

Michael McConnell

Olga Trusz

Ihor Shablovsky

Kieran Frable

Vera Krewsun

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning January 4, 2020

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Harry, Doris, Greg & Matthew Romancho
For: I. M. O. +Wasył, +Catherine & +William Romancho |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Olenka Chandoha Knott
For: Birthday blessings for my brother Stephen |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Servants of God
For: +Souls in Purgatory |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: John and Olenka Knott
For: Christmas blessings for those celebrating on JAN. 7 |
| 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: Sharmayne Tucker
For: Health and 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: Knott Family
For: God's Blessings for Kathryn Knott |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Friends
For: Health & God's blessings for Stefan Tutka |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health & God's blessings for John Ord |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health & God's blessings - sick & disabled parishioners |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
Commemoration - Theophany (holyday) JAN. 6 |

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.

Make Another Shot

So how many New Year's resolutions have you broken already? If you are like me, though you might be a little scared about even making a resolution. The experience of making resolutions, and failing to keep them again and again and again, can be somewhat off-putting: we have failed so much in the past that the prospect of another failure is more daunting than what we want to resolve to do or change in our lives. I ran into an expression from basketball the other day. It read, "You are 100% certain not to make the shots you don't attempt." How true that is! If you don't make the shot, you can't hit the basket! Similarly, if you don't make the effort, you never realize the success. This is such an ingrained part of human experience that it is no wonder that one of the central mysteries of our faith is repentance.

The New Testament word for "repentance" is, in Greek, metanoia, which literally means "change of mind" or "change of heart." St. John the Baptist's great message was "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" – a cry that was taken up by Our

Lord Himself as the first words of His public ministry.

The sacramental mystery of Holy Baptism means, first of all, the forgiveness of sins, becoming a new person, being born again. Likewise, the mystery of Confession recognizes that, even as committed, born-again, believing Christians, we continue to experience failure in our lives as we try to live out our baptismal commitments. Repentance, meaning that we recognize our failure and make a resolution to do better next time, is not something that happens once and for all, but something that becomes as natural and repetitive in our daily lives as breathing.

If you have not broken any of your New Year's resolutions, good for you! Give thanks to Almighty God for having preserved your good intention by His grace. If you have broken some, however, give thanks to Almighty God for giving you another chance, and make your shot one more time.

Bishop John Michael Botean