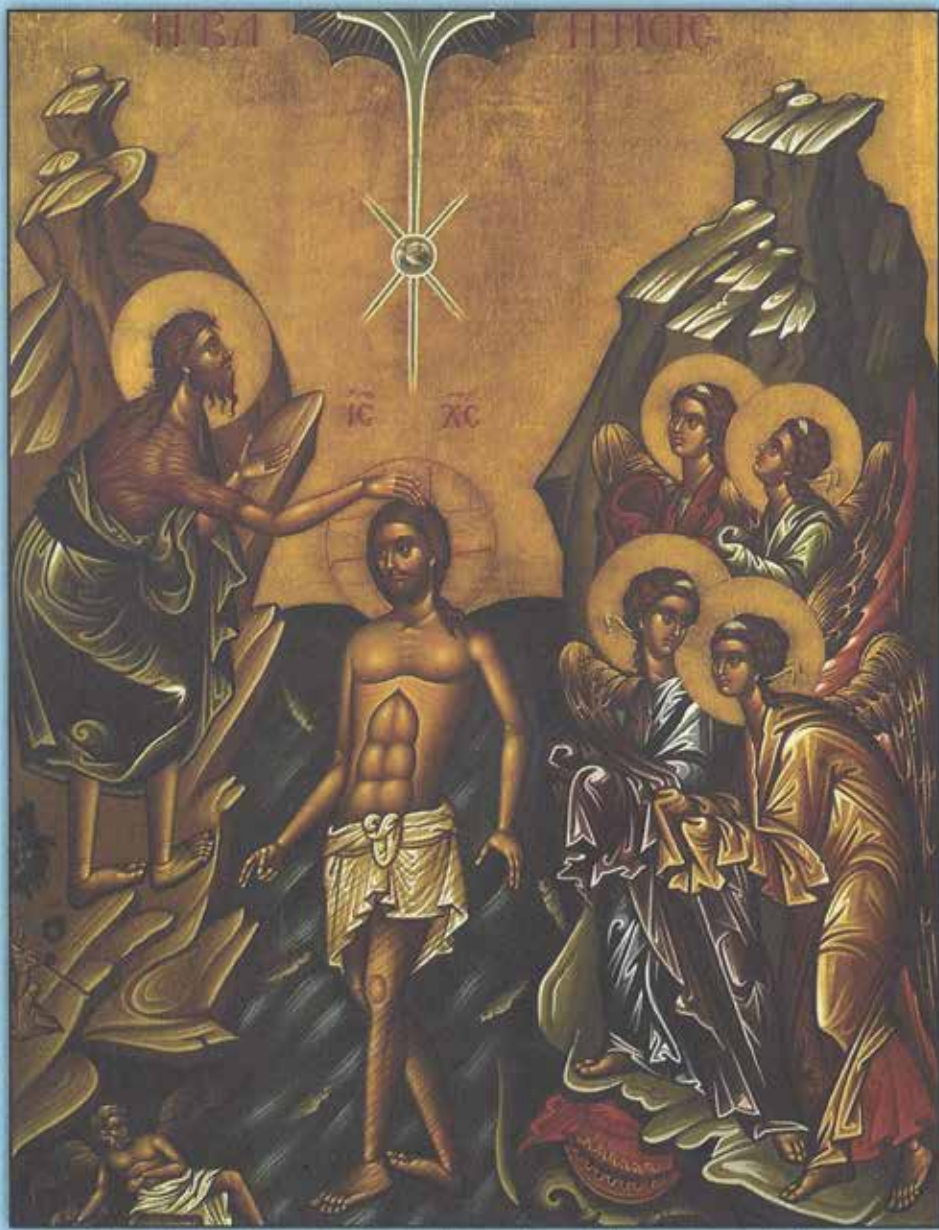


THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD,
GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th

January 6, 2019:		Feast of the Theophany	
Epistle: Titus 2: 11-14 & 3: 4-7		Gospel: Mt. 3: 13-17	
Mon., Jan. 7	8:00	+ Alexandra Ilona Westington (Mary Ann Spryn)	
Tues., Jan. 8	8:00	+ Francis Cunion (Jackie Hunt)	
Wed., Jan. 9	8:00	+ Jill King (Jackie Hunt)	
Thurs., Jan. 10	8:00	Special Intention (Dorothy Zinsky)	
Fri., Jan. 11	8:00	+ Patrick Marcinko, Jr. (Michael Bak)	
Sat., Jan. 12	No Morning Divine Liturgy		
	10:30	Confessions	
	2:00	Confessions	
	4:00 pm	+ John Maruchock (Helen Siconolfi)	
Sun., Jan. 13	9:00	For Our Parishioners	
	11:30	+ Joan Turko (Suzanne & Ronald Toth)	

Antiphon 1

When Israel and Jacob's children came forth from Egypt, out from a barbarian people, * Judah became His sanctuary, Israel became His domain.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

The sea saw God's people coming and parted for them; * when the Jordan saw them coming, its running waters ceased to flow.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

Why is it, O sea, that you parted, * a
nd what caused you, O Jordan, to turn back your flow?

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.

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Antiphon 3

Acknowledge your allegiance to the Lord publicly, for He is good, * for His mercy endures forever.

At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed, * for the voice of the Father bore You witness by calling you Beloved Son. * And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truth of these words. * O Christ God, You manifest Yourself and enlighten the world; * glory to You.

Let the house of Israel now say that He is good *
and that His mercy endures forever.

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Entrance Hymn

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; * we have blessed you from the house of the Lord. * God is Lord, and has appeared to us.

Tropar – 1

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever, and ever. Amen.*

Kondak – 4

Today You manifest Yourself to the universe * and Your light, O Lord, shines upon us. * And in our understanding, rightly do we sing out to You: * O Light inaccessible! You have come and manifested Yourself.

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Instead of “Holy God...”

All you who have been baptized into Christ, * you have put on Christ. Alleluia.
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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and ever. Amen.

You have put on Christ. Alleluia.

All you who have been baptized into Christ, * you have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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Prokimen

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *

God is Lord and has appeared to us.

Acknowledge your allegiance to the Lord publicly,

for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *

God is Lord and has appeared to us.

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O bring to the Lord, you children of God, * O bring to the Lord young rams.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters: the God of glory has thundered;

the Lord is over vast waters.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Hymn to the Mother of God

Extol, my soul, Christ the King, who was baptized in the Jordan. No tongue can fittingly sing your praises. * Even superior intelligences far above your world appear feeble when they praise you, O Mother of God. * But in your goodness, accept our faith; * for you see that godly love we bear towards you, * as you are the Patroness of Christians.

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Communion Verse

The grace of God has appeared * bringing salvation to all people.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Keep Greeting One Another

A reminder to all: just as we prepared for Christmas with a 40 day preparation and fasting period, so now we celebrate the bright days of Christmas, New Year's, and Theophany for 40 days. Please continue to sing our beautiful Christmas carols, and to greet one another with our traditional

Christos Razhdayetsia! Slavite Yeho!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

During the darkness of the Winter months, do all you can to keep the bright light of Christ burning brightly! Let Christ shine through you!

Note: according to tradition, we continue to sing Christmas carols up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2nd.

Stewards of the New Year

At this time of the year when budgets get tighter, and wish lists get longer, it's tempting to focus on what we lack rather than what we have. As we continue to celebrate "God with us", it is beneficial for us to make a "Gratitude List". We list the things we have that we are grateful for. It is helpful to include your children in this exercise. We sometime miss the simple things that are taken for granted: Clean water, electricity, a roof over our heads, food on our table, friends, air to breathe, health... and the

list can go on and on. Everyday, add one or two new things or people to that list and in a short time we will realize that a grateful heart does not fear as much, a grateful heart is more loving and forgiving, and more open to life. As grateful stewards we share these treasures with those around us. The New Year offers us the opportunity to leave behind the past, and with a grateful heart look forward with expectant hope in all that God shares with us. Happy New Year!

Parish Meeting

There will be a Parish Meeting following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 27, 2019. All Parish Council and Finance Council members are re-

quested to attend. Anyone else that is interested is invited to attend. We need to discuss several maintenance issues and plan our calendar for the upcoming year.

Holy Water Kept At Home The Year Around

It is customary to take holy water home and preserve it for use from time to time. St. John Chrysostom alluded to this practice when he wrote: "The faithful take water home and keep it throughout the year." Some bless themselves with it after confession, crossing their foreheads with it as a

physical expression that the Master has cleansed His soiled disciple. Others blessed themselves with it each morning. Others keep the holy water and home in order to partake of it in time of illness or other personal or family needs.

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society Raffle

Once again St. Cyril's Holy Name Society mailed raffle tickets to our Parishioners. Please support the work of St. Cyril's Holy Name Society by

dropping your returns into the Sunday Collection Basket as soon as possible. Additional tickets may be obtained from any Holy Name Society member.

Holy Name Society Meeting

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society will meet next Sunday, January 13th following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy. All mem-

bers invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Festival of Christmas Carols

The annual festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held next Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Phila-

delphia. All are invited to attend this annual celebration to praise our newborn King and our Lord Jesus Christ at this Christmas time.

Pyrohy/Pierogy Sale

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church popular hand-made potato and cheese pierogy sale

will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at the parish center, 428 North Seventh Ave-

nue. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Advance orders must be placed no later than Tuesday, January 22 at 570 342-3749.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team Team #1: Roger Barren and Jerry for the month of January 2019 is Sereditch.

Sunday Collection for January 5 & 6, 2018: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for January 19 & 20, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Brett Lowe	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Tyler Muchisky -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

House Blessing Request

Fr. Nestor:

I (we) would like you to come and bless my (our) home, if possible, this year during the Theophany Season (2019).

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

Father Nestor will call to arrange a convenient time.

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Let Us Venerate Today the Baptism of Christ ... Wash Yourselves and Be Clean

I cannot restrain my joy; my heart is deeply moved and filled with delight. Forgetting my weakness, I long to undertake the mission of the great John the Baptist; though I am not the Forerunner, I have indeed come from the desert!

Christ receives the sacrament of enlightenment, or rather He enlightens us with His brilliance. He is baptized; let us go down into the water with Him so that we may also come up with Him. John is baptizing, and Jesus comes to him. Christ certainly sanctifies the man who now baptizes Him, but His purpose is chiefly to bury the old Adam in the waters and, above all, to sanctify the waters of the Jordan by His baptism in them so that just as He was spirit and flesh, those who would later be baptized might be sanctified by the power of the Spirit and by water.

John refuses; Jesus insists. "It is you that should be baptizing me!" says John. The torch addresses the Sun, the voice speaks to the Word. Jesus comes out of the water, drawing the world with Him, as it were, and raising it up when it had hitherto been sunk in the abyss. He sees the heavens not being rent, but opening of their own accord.

The first Adam had of old closed heaven to himself and us, just as he had seen the earthly paradise being closed to him, with a fiery sword barring access. The Holy Spirit bears witness. Here all is in perfect harmony, for the testimony comes from heaven, just as He to whom the Spirit bears witness has come from heaven.

St. Gregory the Theologian