

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



Icon of the Holy Fathers Athanasius and Cyril -- January 18th

January 12, 2020: Sunday After Theophany

Epistle: Eph. 4: 7-13

Gospel: Mt. 4: 12-17

Mon., Jan. 13

No Divine Liturgy Today.

Tues., Jan. 14

8:00 + Jeff Marcinko (Marcella & Family)

Wed., Jan. 15

8:00 + Johann & Justyna Lotoshynskyj (Michal Bak)

Thurs., Jan. 16

8:00 + Diann Yuhnick (Marina & Rick Pambianco)

Fri., Jan. 17

8:00 + Gene Pronko (Gloria Jablonski)

Sat., Jan. 18

No Morning Divine Liturgy

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + Eugene Hughes (Joan & John Demchok)

Sun., Jan. 19

9:00 + Olga, Steve, Lovie & John Moskel (Nieces & Nephews)

11:30 For Our Parishioners

Postfeast of The Holy Theophany of Our Lord

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, * and 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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Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.
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Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You 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 COMMITMENT

As infants our faith was given to us by our parents. They loved us enough to bring us to God and ask him to give us new life; and we were baptized. As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, God is revealed to us. He shows us the way to salvation and like John the Baptizer, he calls to us “Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” It may sound like dooms day prophets, but it’s not. “Repent” simply means “turning back to God”. This

Sunday after Theophany we have the opportunity to recommit ourselves to our saying yes to Jesus, saying yes to the cross, saying yes to committing ourselves to carry on the work of love, and mercy, kindness and tolerance that Jesus preached and lived. As we sing “we who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ” may we choose for ourselves the Way, the Truth, and the Life that Jesus offers us as the Son of God.

A THOUGHT...

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He

asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous ‘yes.’ The professor then produced two beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. ‘Now,’ said the professor as the laughter subsided, ‘I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your

job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else—the small stuff. ‘If you put the sand into the jar first,’ he continued, ‘there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take your spouse

out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and mow the lawn. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.’ One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled and said, ‘I’m glad you asked.’ The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of beers with a friend. [wt]

WHICH CHRISTIAN ARE YOU?

Two runners prepare for a marathon. One prepares by racing over hills and down the highways and byways every day. He exercises, strengthening his legs. He runs further every day, building endurance.

The second runner prepares by sleeping two hours extra each day. He eats a lot and does nothing strenuous to upset the condition he feels he is in.

The day of the marathon race comes. The 26.2 mi. course lies just ahead of the runners at the starting line. The gun goes off; the race begins. And guess who wins? Of course, the first runner who has done the right kind of preparation.

Two Christians prepare for a

difficult time ahead. The first spends each day praying and communicating with God. He follows David’s advice, committing to his memory the most helpful portions. And he keeps filled with the Spirit, adhering to Paul’s suggestion.

The second Christian reads the Bible, but only on Sunday morning when in church. He prays, but only when he is at church or with the family at mealtime. And he thinks the preacher is right when he talks about being filled with the Holy Spirit. He hopes his children will someday be filled with the Spirit like he was when he was a youngster.

Then trouble strikes. The first

Christian is prepared. He takes the difficulty in stride knowing God will help him through every aspect of it. Peace soon attains a column, assured, and deserved victory. The second Christian panics. He lashes out at God, at church, at friends, at family. He doesn't know what God expects him to do. He doesn't have the assurance of the Word in his heart. He doesn't have the help of the Holy Spirit, the "friend who sticks closer than a brother." In

desperation, after exhausting all other means of help, he remembers to cry to God for help. In time, God helps, because God loves ...

And He hopes the man has learned a lesson. The first Christian wins an easy victory. The second wins an agonizing, prolonged victory that could have been so much easier. My friends, which Christian are you?

Author Unknown

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian charity, please remember the soul of + Andre "Andy" Marcinko who recently fell asleep in

the Lord. May his memory be eternal!
Vichnaya Pamyat!

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IS COMING TO AN END

Volunteers are needed! Again, special thanks to the Parishioners who decorated the Church for Christmas. We received so many comments as to how beautifully the Church was decorated. (A little girl, age 4, told Father Nestor: "It is the most beautiful place in the world." Decorating for Christmas we only had 7 women, 1 man, and 4 teen-age Parishioners.

Taking down the decorations is much easier. Everything is double-checked to see that it is marked with

a ribbon for its proper location for next Christmas. Lights are wound, everything is stored in bins, etc. and stored in the Church basement. We need the men of the Parish to help with the manger itself, the larger trees, ladders, etc.

Lend us a hand on Saturday, January 25th IMMEDIATELY after the 4:00 Divine Liturgy. If not completed, we will finish IMMEDIATELY after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

HOLY NAME MEETING

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society will meet today (January 12, 2020) following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy. All members are invited and encourage to attend this monthly meeting.

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.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 3:00 pm at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited to attend this annual celebration to praise our new-born King and our Lord Jesus Christ at this Christmas time.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of January 2020 is Team #1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis and Gloria Jablonski.

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for January 18 & 19, 2020

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Alex Nick	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Tyler Muchisky -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

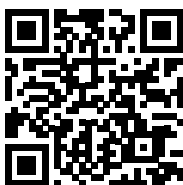
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Athanasius and Cyril, Champions and Models

Saint Athanasius (Athanasios) is one of the great figures of Christianity. He is called the “champion of orthodoxy” as he resolutely opposed Arianism. Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ’s divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace – reading, writing and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism. Athanasius suffered many trials while he was bishop of Alexandria. He was given the grace to remain strong against what probably seemed at times to be insurmountable opposition. He defended the true faith for his flock, regardless of the cost to himself. In today’s world we are experiencing this same call to remain true to our faith, no matter what.

Saint Cyril’s importance for theology and Church history lies in his championing the cause of orthodoxy against the heresy of Nestorius. Nestorianism

implied that the humanity of Christ was a mere disguise. At the Council of Ephesus (431), Cyril condemned Nestorianism and proclaimed Mary truly the “God-bearer” – “Theotokos” (the mother of the one Person who is truly God and truly human). In the confusion that followed, Cyril was deposed and imprisoned for three months, after which he was welcomed back to Alexandria as a second Athanasius (the champion against Arianism).

Lives of the saints are valuable not only for the virtue they reveal but also for the less admirable qualities that also appear. Holiness is a gift of God to us as human beings. Life is a process. We respond to God’s gift, but sometimes with a lot of zigzagging. If Cyril had been more patient and diplomatic, the Nestorian Church might not have risen and maintained power so long. But even saints must grow out of immaturity, narrowness and selfishness. It is because they – and we – do grow, that we are truly saints, persons who live the life of God.