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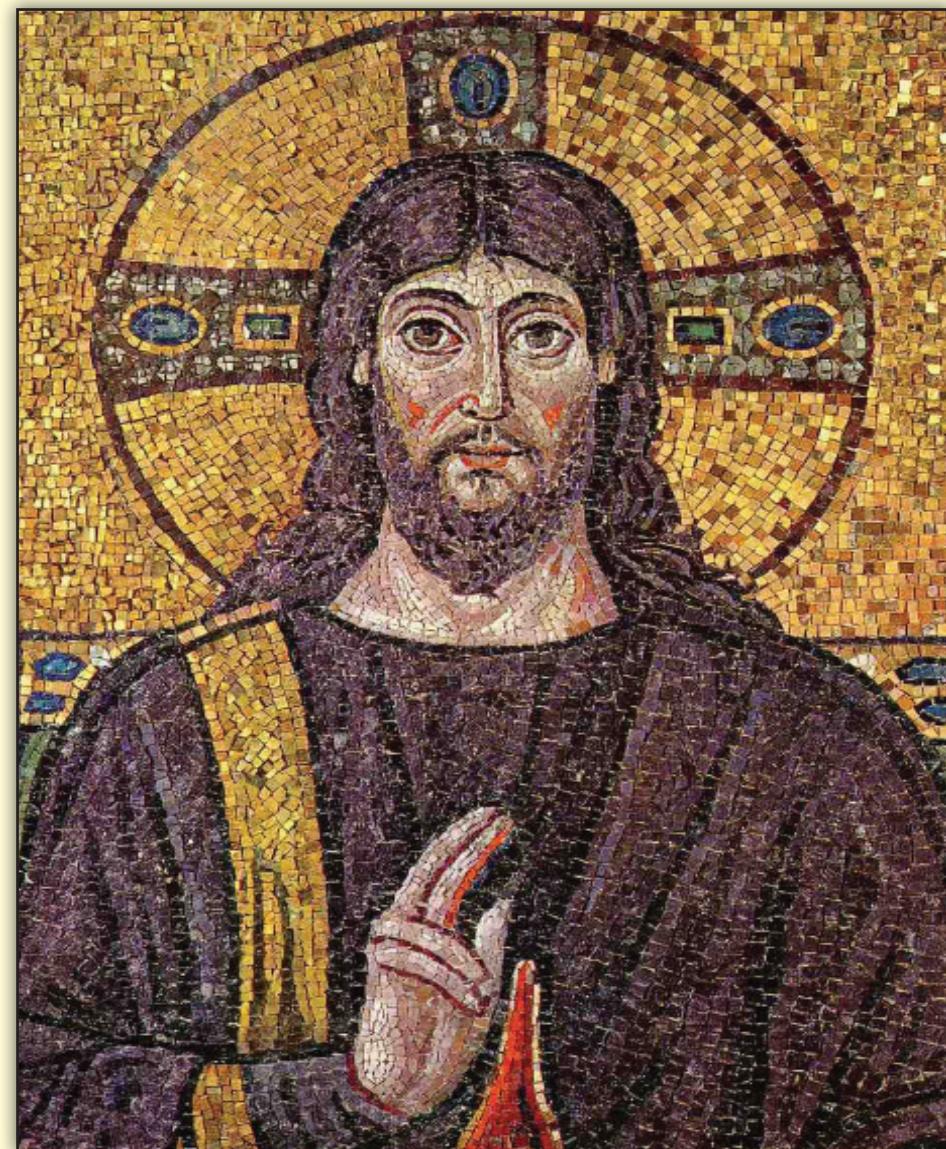
The True Light of Revelation to the Gentiles

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illuminates everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment of the

Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it," that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

St. Chromatius

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



Icon of Christ Pantocrator

January 11, 2026: Sunday After Theophany

Epistle: Eph. 4: 7-13

Gospel: Mt. 4: 12-17

This Weekend	4:00 pm For Our Parishioners 10:30 + Dan Kovaleski (John & Mary Ann Turko)
Mon., January 12	9:00 + George Danylak (Shirley Romanovitch)
Tues., January 13	9:00 + John Sokirka (Wife)
Wed., January 14	9:00 + David Janesky (Sandra & Nikki Berta)
Thurs., January 15	No Divine Liturgy Today.
Fri., January 16	No Divine Liturgy Today.
Sat., January 17	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + John Melnick (Wife, Janet Melnick)
Sun., January 18	10:30 For Our Parishioners

Postfeast of The Holy Theophany of Our Lord

Antiphon 1

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people.

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

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

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

The sea beheld this and fled,* the Jordan turned back on its course.

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

Why was it, O sea, that you fled,* that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course?

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

Antiphon 3

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

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.

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

for adults and \$9.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051.

MYASOPUSNA 2026

A Ukrainian Cultural Celebration

Join us for a vibrant celebration of Ukrainian culture at MYASOPUSNA 2026! Experience an afternoon filled with traditional dance, music, and authentic cuisine on Sunday, February 8, 2026, from noon to 4:00 PM at the Transfiguration of Our Lord Church Hall, located at Bliss & Center Street in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke.

Event Highlights

- Live performances featuring the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, St. Mary's Ukrainian Dancers, and The Englot Sisters
- Handcrafted Ukrainian items for sale, including a Pysanky (Easter egg) demonstration, embroidery, and a variety of gift items
- Exciting basket raffle

Homemade Ukrainian Dinner

Savor a delicious homemade

Ukrainian dinner, including Halubtsi, ham, kobasa, kapusta, varenyky, black bread, beverage, and dessert. Ukrainian beverages will also be available for purchase.

Dinner tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children (12 & under). Please note: advance purchase only—no tickets will be sold at the door.

Doors open at 12:00 PM, with dinner service from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. Entertainment begins at 1:30 PM.

Ticket Information

To purchase tickets, call 570-735-4654 or leave a message at 570-735-1901. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in Ukrainian heritage and celebrate with the community!

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of January 2026 is

Team #1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for Jan. 3 & 4, 2026: \$1,897.00

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

who have pledged to sponsor BINGO games, please submit your pledge as soon as possible. (If you've forgotten what you pledged, call Mary Ann 570-489-4648 or 570-313-1989. Checks payable to "St. Cyril's Church" can be dropped in the donation bin in an envelope marked "BINGO". Donations of gift baskets are welcomed. Bake-sale items will be welcomed the day before the bingo, with details to follow. **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.**

Tickets are \$20 for advance purchase or \$25 at the door. It's possible to reserve tables of ten for a group of friends. Call: Jule (570) 357-6171 or Michaelene (570) 209-2026.

Bingo and 50/50 tickets will be available for purchase in the Church Vestibule prior to Saturday and Sunday Liturgies beginning January 3, 2026, to make it easier for our Parishioners to purchase.

BINGO MEETING

THE BINGO IS QUICKLY APPROACHING. A meeting to discuss various worker assignments has been set for Monday, January 12

at 6:00 in the Parish Hall. Anyone who has volunteered to work at the BINGO is being asked to attend.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2026 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.

PIGGIE DINNER

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Saturday, January 31, 2026. Dinners may be picked up between 12:00 (noon) and 4:00 pm in

our school hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinners include; Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$15.00

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

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

Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

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

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan. Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

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

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. *

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of We have seen the true light... we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

Instead of May our mouths... and Blessed be the Name... we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

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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 Baptist, he calls to

us "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." It may sound like doomsday 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

KEEPING HOLY WATER AT HOME

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,

we choose for ourselves the Way, the Truth, and the Life that Jesus offers us as the Son of God.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

“As rain is necessary that plants may live and be refreshed, so prayer is necessary for the nourishment of the life of the soul.” (St. John Chrysostom).

Although prayer is so necessary, why do some people neglect it? A few reasons are: the weakness of human nature as a result of original sin; sloth; a personal attachment to the materialism of the world; failure to cooperate with the actual grace of God, etc.

Each day **adore** your Creator, the one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; **thank** God for the countless graces received; **make reparation** to God for your offenses; **petition** God for benefits for yourself and for others -- living and departed.

crossing their foreheads with it as a physical expression that the Master has cleansed His soiled disciple. Others bless themselves with it each morning. Others keep the holy water at home in order to partake of it in times of illness or other personal or family needs.

The Divine Liturgy includes the above four purposes, and is the greatest form of prayer that a creature can give to the Creator. Consistently participate in this Sublime Sacrifice!

Say all the traditional prayers with fixed number of words. But also use your own words to tell God of your anxieties, problems, sufferings, intentions, etc.

Parents and children should pray together at least once a day. *“A family that prays together stays together.”*

In the words of St. Paul: “*pray without ceasing.*” Pray especially in time of spiritual and temporal danger. Never be a prayer-quitter; always persevere. Continue with your efforts to ward off distractions. Finally, as St.

Alphonsus Liguori reminds us: “*One who does not pray will be lost; one who prays will be saved, but one who*

-- by Msgr. John Squiller

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

ON WINTER CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Winter sometimes brings stormy weather. We kindly ask our parishioners to use good judgment and common sense by not driving when conditions are dangerous. As weather varies from place to place, it may be that services will be held as scheduled, despite the fact that conditions in your area are difficult. Please prioritize your safety and that of others by assessing the situation before venturing out.

Also, wintertime is cold and flu

COMING SOON: BINGO AT THE MANOR ON MAIN

Bingo at the Manor on Main on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m., with doors opening

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. (There is no more Christmas caroling on this day).

season. If you are truly sick, please stay home. Refrain from attending services to avoid the risk of infecting your fellow parishioners with your illness. Rest assured, God will understand your need to take care of your health and the well-being of the community.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in these matters. Let us all do our part to ensure a safe and healthy winter season.