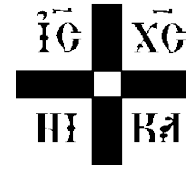


Weekly Schedule

Tuesday	Great Compline, 6:00p.m.
Wednesday	Festal Divine Liturgy w/blessing of waters, 10:00a.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00p.m. Confessions following Great Vespers
Sunday	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy</i>

The second day of the Forefeast of Theophany falls on January 3. Today's hymns invite us to go in spirit to the Jordan River where the Creator comes to be baptized. He is the Light which shines in the darkness (John 1:5), and today He begins to overcome that darkness.



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Troparion (Tone 5) (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead//by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 4) (Forefeast)

Prepare, O Zebulun; and adorn yourself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our First Mother and do not hide yourself as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment.//Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Kontakion (Tone 5) (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

January 03, 2010

30th Sunday after Penecost

Tone 5

Sunday Before the Theophany. Forefeast of the Theophany. Holy Prophet Malachi (400 B.C.). Martyr Gordius at Caesarea in Cappadocia (4th c.). Ven. Genevieve of Paris (5th c.).

Kontakion (Tone 4) (Forefeast)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: "Do not be afraid to baptize me.//For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Daniel, James, Wanenchak family, Albert, Ronald, Witiak family, McCartney family, Gerasimoff family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Maryann, Joanne, Witiak family members. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:5-8

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' " John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Glory to God for all Things!

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Collection

Please bring any food you would like to donate to church. We, as a church, will offer food to one of the local food banks.

Annual Parish Meeting

We will hold our annual parish meeting the last Sunday in January, the 31st. I encourage all parishioners to attend and to participate in this important meeting. The reports will be available the week beforehand.

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced here.

March for Life Bus

There is room on a bus travelling from northeast Pennsylvania to Washington, D.C. on January 22, which will make a stop in Harrisburg, for the March for Life. These free seats are limited. If you would like to reserve a spot to meet the bus in Harrisburg, please contact Fr. Matthew.