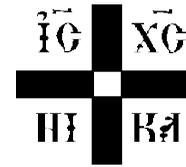
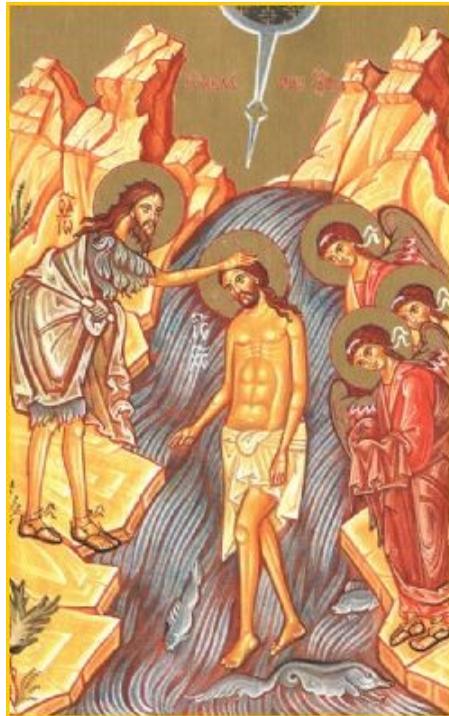


Week Schedule

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

The first day of the Forefeast of Theophany falls on January 2. Like the hymns for the Nativity, many of the Church's hymns of this period are slightly modified versions of the hymns of Holy Week.

One of the hymns at Matins today says that the coming Feast of Theophany will be "even more radiant" than the Feast of the Nativity.



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Troparion (Tone 7)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen,//granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 4)

Prepare, O Zebulon, 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 7)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; //enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

January 02, 2011

**30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—
Tone 5. Sunday Before the Theophany.
Forefeast of the Theophany.**

Kontakion (Tone 4)

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

Dn. Peter Skoog, Lena, Corba family and friends, Mary McKinney, Patterson family, Kavalkovich family, Witiak family, Riley family, Andrews family, Judy Carrioe, Stan Parks, Nancy Bridgnes, Robovitsky family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

John and Anna Rabik, James, William (Bill), Kavalsovich family and friends, Paul and Irene, Paul Gavula. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

2Timothy 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.

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 should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 on the machine.

House Blessings

I've posted a sign-up sheet for house blessings in January. If you would like me to bless your house and/or visit you then, please don't hesitate to sign-up!

Church Education and Discussion

Today we will discuss suffering and Christ. Why do we suffer? Can suffering be good? We will examine whether or not the well known phrase, "Why do good people suffer?", is descriptively appropriate.

Thank You to All The Families Who Gave Christmas Flowers

Gerasimoff, Palubniak, Rabik, LeRoy, Corba, Herbert, Kavalkovich, Wanancheck, McCartney, Willis, Cantrell, Riley, Patterson, Robovitsky, Witiak, Albrecht, Andrews, Burychka.

Council Meeting Next Sunday

There will be a council meeting next Sunday to prepare for our annual meeting. Any parishioner in good standing is welcome to attend.