

January 13, 2019
Upcoming Services:

2 Timothy 4: 5 - 8
Mark 1: 1- 8

- Sun. Jan. 13, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sat. Jan. 19, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Waters for Theophany
Sat. Jan. 19, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
Sun. Jan. 20, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sat. Jan. 26, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
Sun. Jan. 27, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Reader Schedule:
Sun, Jan. 13 - Kurtis Lauser
Sun, Jan. 20 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
Sun, Jan. 27 - Cynthia Neff

Theophany - Blessing of the Waters

Theophany is the feast which reveals the most holy trinity to the world through the baptism of the Lord, when God the father spoke from heaven about the son, and the son was baptized by St. John the Forerunner, and the holy spirit descended upon the son in the form of a dove. In commemoration of this event, the great Blessing of Water is performed on this day, and the holy water so blessed is used by the local priest to bless the homes of the faithful.

The Lord was baptized, not because he himself had need for cleansing, but, according to St. John of Damascus, "to bury human sin by water, to fulfill the law, to reveal the mystery of the holy trinity, and to sanctify the nature of water and to offer us the form and example of baptism."

From ancient times this feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights. It was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

On the feast of the Baptism of Christ, the holy church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one god in three persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the holy trinity, one in essence and indivisible. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

"Let the thirsty wilderness be glad, let the desert rejoice, let it blossom as a rose. Let it blossom abundantly; let everything rejoice. Go to that water, oh you who thirst. With joy draw the water out of the wells of salvation." After the blessing of the waters it is customary to fill containers to take some holy water home with you.

Birthdays:

January 15 - Rose Dmytryk

Upcoming Events:

Sun, Jan. 13 - Adult Religious Education
Adult religious education at coffee hour.

Tue, Jan. 15 - 7:00 pm Executive Board Mtg.
Any agenda items you would like to have discussed at the annual parish meeting on January 27, and the names of nominees for the 2019 executive board positions need to be submitted in writing to the executive board prior to this meeting. Please consider running for the Executive Board.

Sun, Jan. 20 - Sisterhood Meeting - following coffee hour.

Sun, Jan. 27 - Annual Parish Mtg. following coffee hour. The names of nominees for board positions and agenda items to be discussed must be submitted, in writing, to the executive board prior to their Tuesday, Jan. 15 evening meeting.

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Lillian Maskula, Sandy Knisley, Erin Bove, Florine, Charline, Mark Danczak, Zenon Forosty, Linda, Minerva, & Salwa, Richard Ziegler, & Bill Brown

Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

House Blessings

Fr. Mike will be doing house blessings this month. Sign up is being arranged or contact him.

Christmas Flowers

St. Anastasia Sisterhood is still accepting funds for poinsettias. Envelopes are included in your stewardship packet.

Sisterhood Dues in January

Please see Linda Kozlowski or Illaria to pay \$10 sisterhood dues in January for the upcoming year.

Coffee Hour

Don't forget to return your Coffee Hour Sign-up form either in the collection basket or to Tabitha Bentley

Foods Available

Pierogies - potato & cheese -\$6 per box of 15
Pierogies - sweet potato - \$6 per box of 15
Nut Rolls - \$12 per roll

January Charity - Good Samaritan