

January 12, 2020

Galatians 1: 11-19

Matthew 2: 13-23

Upcoming Services:

Sun. Jan. 12, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Sat. Jan. 18, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Jan. 19, 9:00 am. - Liturgy and Blessing of the Waters for Theophany

Sat. Jan. 25, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers

Sun. Jan. 26, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

January Vespers: Vespers will be starting at 5pm in January

Reader Schedule:
Sun. Jan. 12 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
Sun. Jan. 19 - Cynthia Neff
Sun. Jan. 26 - Kurtis Lauser
Sun. Feb. 2 - Jim Hamer

Synaxis of the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John (Jan.20):

In the Orthodox church the custom was established that on the day following the great feasts of the Lord and the Mother of God would be remembered those saints who most essentially participated in whichever the sacred event. Thus on the day following the Theophany of the Lord, the church honors he that participated directly in the baptism of Christ, indeed placing his own hand upon the head of the savior. Saint John, the holy forerunner and baptist of the Lord, termed by our Lord the greatest of the prophets, both concludes the history of the Old Testament and opens up the epoch of the New Testament.

The holy prophet John gave witness concerning the arrival on earth of the only-begotten son of God, incarnated humanly in the flesh. Saint John was deemed worthy to baptize him in the waters of the Jordan, and he was a witness of the theophany or manifestation of the most holy trinity on the day of the baptism of the savior.

The holy prophet John was a kinsman of the Lord on his mother's side, son of Priest Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth. The holy forerunner of the Lord, John, was born six months earlier than Christ Jesus. The Archangel Gabriel was the messenger of his birth, in the Jerusalem temple revealing to his father, that for him a son was to be born. Through the prayers offered up beforehand, the child was filled with the holy spirit.

Saint John prepared himself in the wilds of the desert for his great service by a strict life, by fasting, prayer and sympathy for the fate of God's people. At the age of about 30 years he came forth preaching repentance. He appeared at the banks of the Jordan, by his preaching to prepare the people for acceptance of the savior of the world. In the expression of churchly song, Saint John was a "bright morning star", whose gleaming outshone the shining of all the other stars, announcing the coming morning of the day of grace, illumined with the light of the spiritual Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Birthdays:

January 15 - Rose Dmytryk

Upcoming Events:

Sun, Jan. 19 - Sisterhood mtg. after coffee hour

Tue, Jan. 21 - 7:00 pm Executive Board Mtg

Sun. Jan. 26 - Annual Parish meeting

Sun, Jan. 26 -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 by January 19.

Notices:

Notice of Passing

With great sadness we mourn the death of Joseph Domsohn Sr. Asleep in the Lord on Saturday, Jan. 4. Burial at the church cemetery was Friday Jan. 10.

House Blessings

Traditionally, at the feast of the Lord's Epiphany (Baptism) on January 19th, the Great Blessing of the waters takes place and then is used to sanctify the homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our house of any evil influence and rededicate it to God in a special way. As we are renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time.

Please contact Father Nicholas at 484-786-8009 to schedule your Home Blessing.

Panahyda

Today there will be a Panahyda for Joe Domsohn and George Dilendorf (40 days).

Anniversaries:

None this month.

Notices:

Sisterhood Dues in January

St. Anastasia Sisterhood is collecting \$10 dues for 2020. To join or renew your membership see Rose Dmytryk.

2020 Orthodox Calendars

The 2020 Orthodox calendars are available for church members at the book store, courtesy of the Wentz Funeral Home.

Coffee Hour Hosts

We need families to host our Coffee Hour

Foods for Sale

Pierogis - potato/cheese	\$6 / box
Pierogis - Sweet potato	\$8 / box
Pierogis - Sauerkraut or mushroom	\$8 / box
Halushki - noodles & cabbage	\$7 / quart
Rolls - Pumpkin, Apple, Apricot	\$13 / roll
Smoked Kielbasa	\$7 / ring
Borscht soup	\$7 / quart

January Charity

Good Works

A Christian nonprofit organization dedicated to repairing homes and restoring hope for low-income homeowners in Chester County

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Carol Bentley, Olga Ward, Linda Gindin, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, Richard Ziegler, Sandy Knisley, & Karen