

January 18, 2026
Sunday before Theophany

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

READER SCHEDULE	
Sun. Jan. 18-	Joseph Yevich
Sun. Jan. 25-	Gregory Kuzmenchuk
Sun. Feb.1 -	Wesley Hatch
Sun. Feb. 8-	James Hamer

Sun. Jan. 18 - Divine Liturgy - 9am- Hours - 8:45am
Mon. Jan. 19 - Holy Theophany of Our Lord - Divine Liturgy - 9:30am
Great Blessing of Water! Please bring water bottles or containers!
It's MLK B-Day so many will be off from work and school!!
Sat, Jan. 24 - Akafist Service to Pantanassa Icon of Mother of God – 10am
Sun. Jan. 25 - Divine Liturgy – 9am- Hours- 8:45am



HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You and called You His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ, our God, You have revealed Yourself and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

Prayer Corner for the Health of:

Brenda Euler, Paul Domsohn, Erin Bove, Darrell Kinney, Amber Curry, Michael & Dorothy Panaski, Denise Gavin, John Hendershot, Theresa, Margaret Hendershot, Vonda, Diana, Jay, Alicia Winther, Carl, Carolyn Sullivan, Kathy S, Elena, Carl F. Helen Domsohn, Maria F. Susan F. Audra Kriston, Betsy Gose, Don T, Elaine, Verdon Taylor Haines, Mariann, Anne Ruczhak, Linda Kozlowski, David Anderson, Minerva Hawa, Rose Dmytryk, Ray Vito, Brandon, Jenny Elmo, Lillian Maskula, Irene Pashesnik, David Vito, John Gbur, Rose Ugolnik, ,Marcia Mulvaney, Wayne, Darius, Kira Morales, Carol Burke, Michele Ruczhak, Mike Pyszczymuka, Dahlia Rihani, Rodion Folis.

BIRTHDAYS

Jan.21 - Christina Haines
Jan. 22 - Ray Vito

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

JANUARY CHARITY

Convent of St. Elizabeth - Etna, California

PARISH BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 20 @ 7pm in Church Hall

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 25 in the Church Hall Following Divine Liturgy. Discussion topics should be given to a Board Member by Jan. 18!

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR AFTER LITURGY IN THE CHURCH

Attendance Jan. 11 - 32

COOKING SESSIONS

Sun. Jan. 18 – After Liturgy – Pack Cabbage
Fri. Jan. 30 – 3:00pm Stuffed Cabbage Prep
Sun. Feb. 1 – After Liturgy – Pack Cabbage
Fri. Feb. 6 - 8:00am- Roll Prep, Baking and Pack
Fri. Feb. 20 - 3:00pm – Stuffed Cabbage Prep
Sun. Feb. 22 - After Liturgy – Pack Cabbage

READING ROYALS HOCKEY GAME

Please sign up for our 3rd Annual Reading Royals Hockey Game Outing Saturday, March 14 at 7pm \$20 per person on the counter at the back of the church. Make Checks Payable to: Holy Ghost UOC. Thanks, Father Nick. Payment needs to be submitted by February 15!

HOME BLESSINGS

I'm available to Bless Your Homes or Business with Holy Theophany Water! Please Text or Call me to set up an Appt. 773-991-7547
Father Nick

THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY & THE BLESSING OF HOMES

It is a venerable tradition of the Orthodox Church to bless water on the Feast of Theophany. This is in remembrance of our Lord's Baptism in the Waters of the Jordan River. By His Baptism, the very nature of water was sanctified. We bless our Churches and our homes to help us recover our vocations of attaining personal holiness and sanctity.

SOME REMINDERS IN PREPARING TO HAVE YOUR HOME BLESSED

1. Place a white tablecloth or scarf on either your dining room or kitchen tables, or prayer table in your holy corner. You should have a candle with a holder on the table, as well as an icon and/or cross. (Father will bring the Holy Water)
2. Please confine your pets that may get underfoot during the blessing however pets may be blessed too!
3. Gather everyone in the house at the prayer table during the house blessing, making sure that all televisions, computers, stereos, etc. are turned off. Take the phone off the hook when Father arrives (not before, as he may be giving you a heads-up call before arriving). Be prepared to sing/recite the responses to the blessing service.
4. If there are any items you wish to be blessed, please let Father Nick know and he will offer the appropriate prayer of blessing.
5. A family member should lead Father into all the rooms of the house with the lighted candle.