

ST. JOHN THE RAPTIST BYZANTINE RUTHENIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: half an hour before/ after each service or by appointment

Sunday Liturgy: 9.30AM

Weekday Liturgy: as scheduled in the

bulletin

Sick Calls: As scheduled,

or anytime in case of an emergency

Readings and Music Dec 28: Gal 1:11-19; Matt 2:13-23

Tone 4

WELCOME TO ST JOHNS

"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7) We welcome all visitors and new members to our parish family and hope you will become an active part of our parish community by participating fully in our spiritual and social life. We are delighted to welcome you! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey together,

Fr Gregory and parish family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE DECEMBER 28 – JANUARY 4

Sunday December 28 – Sunday after Christmas

9.00am - Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, Michael Štofa, health and blessing, by The Štofa Family

Thursday January 1 – Circumcision of Our Lord/St Basil the Great Archbishop 5.00pm - Divine Liturgy, +Richard N. Kentosh and +Very Rev. Stephen Karaffa, by Rose Mary Kentosh

Saturday January 3 – Saturday before Theophany

2.45pm – The Office of Vespers

3.15/5.00pm - Confessions

Sunday January 4 – Sunday before Theophany

9.00am – Matins

9.30am - Divine Liturgy, Katherine & Raymond Martino, liturgy of thankgiving, by the Martino family

ATTENDANCE AND COLLECTIONS

December 14, 2025 attendance – 37; December 21, 2025 attendance – 67; collections – \$7,421.00. We are very grateful for your faithful attendance and generosity. Your giving helps us live out our mission of love and service in our community. May God bless you in many ways!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **catechetical Sunday** will be held on **January 4**th, following Divine Liturgy: ECF classes begin for our children, and Bible study on the Book of Genesis will be offered for adults.

Blessing of the water. The traditional blessing of the water in occasion of the Feast of Theophany of Our Lord will take place on Tuesday, **January 6th**, following the Divine Liturgy. As usual, St Johns will provide the water bottles but you are also welcome to use your own water bottles (please place them on the table of blessing)

Blessing of the Long Island Sound. Also this year we will bless the nearest source of "living water" in commemoration of Jesus' baptism. There will be the blessing of the Long Island Sound on Sunday **January 11**th, following the Divine Liturgy (at around 11.15am/11.30), in the Seaside Park, Soundview Dr, Bridgeport, CT, south of the baseball complex, in the vicinity of Cannon Statue.

Thank you. A heartfelt thank you to the Ladies Guild for their generous donation of \$1,000.00 to our parish. We appreciate your support and pray the good Lord to bless you in many ways!

Weekday Liturgy Schedule January/June. The weekday liturgy in the first half of the year (January/June) will be on Thursdays at 9am (instead of Fridays).

Vocation Icon. There are still few weeks left when the vocation icon can be taken home for the prayer for vocations. Thank you for considering this important spiritual initiative and praying for vocations!

Liturgies Book 2026. We are ready now to receive your liturgy intentions for 2026. Having a Divine Liturgy said for a loved one is a noble and ideal way to honor a deceased person. The Liturgy is also offered for the health and blessing of a person or family. If you wish to schedule the liturgy, please fill out the white envelope with the details and drop it in the basket. Thank you!

Updating email listing and addresses. Dear parishioners, as we prepare for the coming year and ensure we can best communicate with you regarding parish news, events, and service schedules, we kindly ask for your help in keeping our records accurate. If you have moved recently, changed your phone number, or updated your email address, please take a moment to share your new contact details with us. Just drop a line in the basket or email us at stiphntrumbull@gmail.com Thank you!

Blessing of the Houses. As we approach the feast of Theophany, the traditional house blessing will be offered again. If you wish your house blessed, please see Fr Gregory, call the rectory, or send an email so that the blessing can be arranged at the convenient time.