

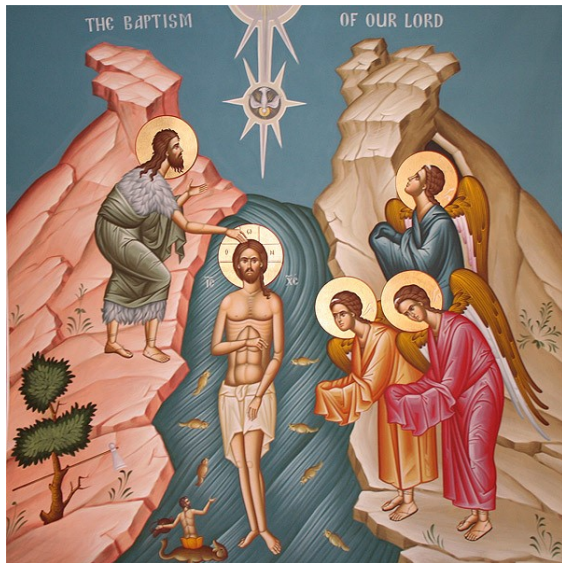
THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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A Parish of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



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Sunday January 10th 2016

Sunday after Theophany

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Antiphons of Theophany

Tropar Tone 7– Blue Book pg.99 Red Book pg. 114

Tropar and Kondak for Theophany– Blue Book
pg. 146 Red Book pg. 165

Weekly Schedule:

Wednesday January 13th 9:00 AM– Divine Liturgy
7:20 PM– Moleben (Prayer Service) followed by
Orthodoxy Class

Sunday January 17th 10AM– Divine Liturgy

Prayers for the departed...

As Orthodox Christians we must always remember how important it is to pray for the departed. At the moment of each one of our deaths, there is not one of us who will die without sin, not one of us who will die without an un-confessed sin, without some kind of stain on our souls. Just as right now, in this very moment, all of us are in need of God's love and of God's mercy, in the life to come our souls will still be in need of God's steadfast love and mercy. As we pray for the living, so to must we pray for our departed loved ones.

If we simply think of the Church as a place we go on Sunday's, just for the people who get up and drive there, then praying for the departed wouldn't matter to us. We know in the Orthodox Faith that the Church is far greater, far more glorious, wondrous, and mysterious. We know that Christ is Risen and has trampled death. The Church is the Body of Christ. The members of that Body are not just the living members of the Church, but also the faithful departed. All of us both living and departed are bound together in our faith in, and love for Christ.

As good Orthodox Christian servants of the Lord it is our duty to remember both the living and the departed in our prayers. Not just in our personal prayers, but also in our communal prayers on Sunday mornings. *"Everyone who is in church remembers the person who is no longer living on earth with us and sends prayers and love to that person in heaven. Even when we can't see this person, we are still together in God's family - the Church."*

Remember this every time we pray a Panachida together. Remember and know that when you have left this life that your Church family will pray for your soul as well.

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The Feast of Theophany is one of the oldest and most important Feast Days in the Orthodox Church. The Church marks the moment of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist as the beginning of Christ's Public Ministry. Christ's Public ministry is when he shared with us the truths that lead us to communion with God. When Christ teaches us the beatitudes, how to pray, to forgive and to love one another as He loves us. The Gospel of Luke tells us that Christ was about thirty years old when he begin this all important ministry to mankind. However this is not what marks Theophany as such an important feast in the Church.

This feast is also known as Epiphany— which basically means a revelation, like the light bulb above a cartoon character: or an “ah ha!” moment. Theophany means Divine revelation. This feast is so important because it commemorates the Divine Manifestation of the Holy Trinity at Christ's Baptism in the Jordan. The Fathers voice bore witness to Christ, His Divine Son and the Spirit in the form of a Dove confirmed the truth of these words. Theophany marks the beginning of Christ's public ministry, the Divine Revelation of the Holy Trinity, and through the water of the Jordan River one more thing.

The water of the Jordan River represents all of creation itself. Through Christ's baptism in the Jordan River he shows us that all of creation itself is destined to share in the glory of His redemption.

This is why we bless Holy Water on Theophany, just as Christ will redeem all of the cosmos, the Holy Water is restored to it's original composition through the sanctifying Grace of the Holy Spirit.

Announcements: Panachida following Liturgy Today— *One Year memorial for the repose of George Page—
The anniversary of the repose of Terry, Brother of Lesley Floyd*

Old Calendar New Years and Champagne Tasting on Saturday January 16th at 3PM

If you have yet to do so, please turn in your pledge card for 2016

Many Years to the newly Ordained Fr. Nick Mihaly and the newborn Emily Dutko!

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday January 31st following Liturgy

Congratulations Elizabeth!!!

Prayer List



Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining , Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela , Tyler, Maria, Bezerra Family, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae , The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Mileszko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!