

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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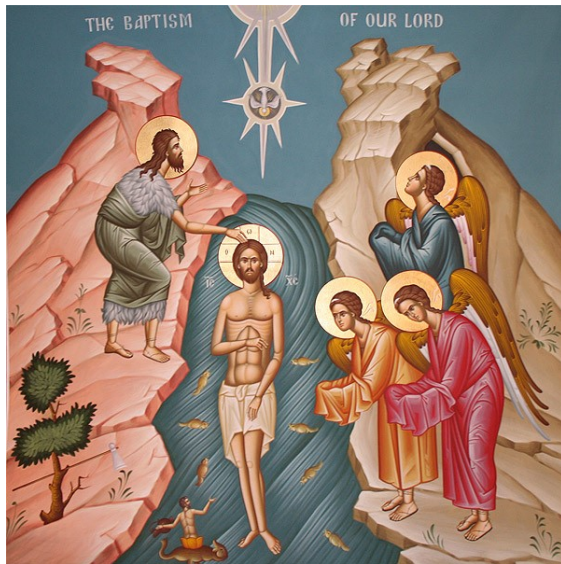
Sunday January 8th 2017

Sunday after Theophany

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



Antiphons of Theophany

Tropar Tone 4: Blue Book pg. 94 Red Book pg. 104

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

Weekly Schedule:

Friday 1/13 9am– Divine Liturgy

Saturday 1/14 4:30 pm– Great Vespers

Sunday 1/15 10 am– Divine Liturgy

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.

This same water from the Jordan was blessed with past Thursday evening; it blessed the Church and it will soon bless all of your homes!

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Announcements: Panachida following Liturgy next Sunday for the two year Anniversary of the Repose of George Page-Phillipe, and Fr. Stephen Dutko as a Birthday Remembrance

Pledge Cards– Please Turn in your pledge cards **ASAP!**

Coffee Hour Sign up– is up and running! Next Sunday Coffee Hour will be provided by Stephen Page!

- **20th Anniversary of St. Elizabeth's Celebration**- January 22nd, 2017– In Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the parish we hope to learn more about our family members. The Altar Society is asking each of you for a short family tree regarding where you, your family, and your ancestors are from. In addition, that day for Coffee Shop we will be asking each family to bring a traditional dish that represents who you are and where you came from. More information from the Altar Society will follow soon.

One Year Ago!!!



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Eternal Memory!



Prayer List

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, 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 Milesko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family, Bryan (Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert (Blessed Repose), Joseph, Boris, Maria (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie (Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda, Janis, John Haddad, David Novak, Suzette Gardenhour, Bob, David, Michelle, Stephen, James, Brian Paul 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!

