



January 3, 2021

**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

**Parish Schedule**

**Jan. 2 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+Susan Sabol req by Mickey & Arlene Dzura*

**Jan. 3 (Sun) SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Maria Rusinko req by Stan & Donna Kulezyski*

**Jan. 5 (Tue) VIGIL OF THE THEOPHANY**  
**Vigil Divine Liturgy 7:00pm**  
**Great Sanctification of Water**

**Jan. 9 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+Mary Soltis req by Chet, Terri & Eleanor Czarniak*

**Jan. 10 (Sun) SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**  
**Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Deborah Vasko req by Mary Cvejkus*

Our Tithe to our Parish - December 27, 2020 - \$5,810.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of January 3 thru January 9 for Health & Well-Being of Fr. John and our parish family.

*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.*



Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,  
Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,  
Barb Gulich, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,  
Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

**CALENDARS AND ENVELOPES**

The 2021 Church calendars and offering envelopes are now available in the entrance of the Educational Wing. They may be picked up after the Liturgy or on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm when our secretary Eileen Heinack is in the office.

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**LIVE-STREAMING**

In the coming days, the Divine Liturgy will be live-streamed on the following days:

<b>5 Jan</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Vigil of Theophany Great Sanctification of Water</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>10 Jan</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday after Theophany</b>	<b>10:30am</b>

**OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING**

During the Christmas season we greet each other with this salutation:

<i>Christ is Born !</i>	<i>Christos Raždajetsja!</i>
<i>Glorify Him!</i>	<i>Slavite Jeho!</i>
<i>Christ is Baptized!</i>	<i>In the Jordan!</i>

## THE HOLY THEOPHANY

*The true Light has appeared  
to bestow enlightenment upon all.  
The all-pure Christ is baptized with us;  
He sanctifies the water  
and it becomes a cleansing for our souls ...  
Salvation is bestowed through washing,  
and the Spirit is received through water.  
By descending into the water  
we ascend to God ...  
How wonderful are your works, O Lord ...!*

### A NOTE FROM FR JOHN

I wish to extend to all our parishioners and friends my sincere gratitude for your good wishes, your cards and messages, your gifts and prayers during this Christmas season. It is heartening to hear from you, even though most of us are separated at this time. I pray that I may be able to continue to serve all of you worthily during the coming year. And I pray for good health for all our parish family.



And speaking of serving, we (our cantors, tech folks and I) have tried to present a quality product in our live-streaming of the liturgical services during this pandemic period. We strive to offer a first-class video and sound system (even though Verizon has let us down a few times in the transmission). But for the most part, it has gone well.

This reflects on our parish as we reach out to many others in places far away from North Huntingdon. We have quite a diverse and far-reaching audience for our services.

Now I would like to hear from you who are regular viewers and participants in our liturgical offerings. What has your experience been? What has been helpful? What suggestions might you offer to us to continue to upgrade our presentations? Your input is important as you are valuable members of our parish even though we may be separated at this time. I would love to hear from you.

You may reach me by email at: [jgpetro7@gmail.com](mailto:jgpetro7@gmail.com), or by phone at: 412.352.7082..

God created this world as a sign of his presence among us.

All creation is a reflection of God and points to God.

*For example, in the opening pages of the Bible, we see Adam and Eve at peace with each other ... with the animals and with the earth ... and also with God; they walked in the garden and talked with God. It was a picture of God's dream for the world.*

But sin shattered all that.

*After their sin, Adam and Eve realize that they are naked ... they must struggle with the earth to produce food ... and when God calls, they hide, because they are afraid.*



Christ comes into the world to restore God's dream ... to restore the good relationship between God and us ... between God and his world.

In this feast, Christ enters the waters of the Jordan ... and the nature of water is changed. Water now becomes a means by which God is present to us.

*Our eyes see water ... by our mind understands salvation.  
By coming in contact with this Jordan water, we enter into God's saving mystery.*