



January 1, 2023

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Dec. 31 (Sat) SATURDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

For our Parish Family

**Jan. 1 (Sun) SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY
CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**

Divine Liturgy 10:30am

For our Parish Family

Jan. 6 (Fri) THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

Holy Day of Obligation

Divine Liturgy 6:30pm

BLESSING OF WATER

+Louise Polczynski

req by Michael & Arlene Dzura

Jan. 7 (Fri) SATURDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

+Alfred & Mary Crocker

req by Steve & Judi Muchoney

Jan. 8 (Sun) SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Divine Liturgy 10:30am

+MaryAnn Burgman

req by Norman & Eileen

Our Tithe to our Parish - Dec. 25, 2022 - \$5,249.00

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 Jan. 1 thru Jan. 7, for health and welfare of our homebound.



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.



Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, John Hresko, Kevin Ianni, Jeff Kaloski, Helen Magdic, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr., Mark Sethman

Christmas Mission

During the celebration of Christmas, it is good to also look out for others who may be in need this holiday season. Father Vasyl is in touch with a priest friend in Ukraine who is trying to help children orphaned because of the ongoing war. Monetary donations will be collected for this effort and the plan is to combine them with the proceeds of the next pirohi project. You can help in many ways. Please see Fr. Vasyl if you would like to support this effort.

Our thanks goes out to The James Shirley Funeral Home for their generous contribution to cover the printing cost of our calendars.

As we experienced last year, there is another delay in shipping our donation envelopes. Please be patient. We will let you know as soon as they are here. Suggestion: If you use a plain envelope, please put your envelope # on it. This will help when the donations are recorded. Thank you.

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Sunday, January 8, 2023 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Come and spend some time with the Staff in the warmth of the House of Prayer!



THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD



Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness,” and “in the region of the shadow of death” (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Undivided. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).

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The **Feast of the Circumcision of Christ** is a Christian celebration of the circumcision of Jesus in accordance with Jewish tradition, eight days (according to the Semitic and southern European calculation of intervals of days) after his birth, the occasion on which the child was formally given his name.

The circumcision of Jesus has traditionally been seen, as in the popular 14th-century work the *Golden Legend*, as the first time the blood of Christ was shed, and thus the beginning of the process of the redemption of man, and a demonstration that Christ was fully human, and of his obedience to Biblical law.