

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th

The Christ


Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of "Christification", Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation

as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the "Christification" of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. "And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men" (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dec. 17, 18, 2022
Before Christmas

THIS WEEKEND we will broadcast live on YOUTUBE the Holy Liturgy at 6 pm Saturday. Next weekend we will also livestream the Christmas Liturgy on YOUTUBE with the initial Compline service at 8:30 pm and the Divine Liturgy at 9 pm. Please inform all your friends and your neighbors, far and wide, about these livestreamed services.

FATHER PASTOR will gladly hear confessions both this weekend and next. For this purpose he will be in the Rectory both these days and be in the Church one half hour before services.

on Saturday
NEXT WEEKEND The Christmas services include Great Compline at 8:30 pm and Divine Liturgy for Christmas at 9 pm. On Sunday, the 25th, the Christmas Liturgy will be sung at 10 am in Ukrainian. Be sure to pass along this schedule to all your family and friends.

NEW 2023 CHURCH CALENDARS will be available in both English and Ukrainian this weekend in our Church. These beautiful calendars are free for all our faithful and friends. Please help yourselves.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS will send out our Christmas greetings this Saturday evening at 6 pm to all the world via YOUTUBE. Our School will now be on Christmas break and resume next Year on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 11 am, on GOOGLEMEET. All our students are automatically enrolled for the coming spring semester. New students can enroll by simply beaming up our church website and filling out the brief form.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OUR ailing and confined faithful this Christmas:
Mary Ann Kardash, Gina Plisiewicz, Joann Plisiewicz, Luba Jackson,
Jim Deskiewicz, Jim Patzuk, Vera Tryciecky, Frank and Sandi Katarynick,
Alex and Vera Fedorkiw, Sophie and Ed Tomchick. Perhaps a card, prayer.../

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 17, 6 pm	+Anna, Noelle (Burns, Rotondo Fam.)
Sunday, Dec. 18, 9 am	+Krokhtyak, Khromyak F. (Bill M.)
Saturday, Dec. 24 9 pm	Health of all our Faithful
Sunday, Dec. 25, 10 am	+Peter, Barbara, Barbara (Father R)

TODAY'S TROPAR: The three young men, guides of our Faith, rejoiced in a pit of flame as if they were resting in fresh water. The Prophet Daniel appeared to them as a shepherd to the lions, O Christ God, save our souls on their account.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: You most blessed young men refused to worship the idols. You became glorious in the test of fire, as they prayed: "O Merciful One, come and help us in your Mercy".

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Blessed are You, O Lord, God of our Fathers.
May Your holy Name be glorified forever.

PS

Father Pastor thanks all of you for your generous donations to our Church this Christmastide. And he is so thankful for all your prayers and cards and gifts this Christmas.

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