



***Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Ukrainian Catholic Church***

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Sunday, January 6, 2019

Theophany of Our Lord

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Sunday After Theophany

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 – For the repose of Anna Kanick

- requested by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Glowa
and Olga Cienki

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – For the repose of Mary Ann Kohut

- requested by Pete Kohut, Sr.

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 6 – Divine Liturgy 8 am
Sunday, January 13 – Divine Liturgy 8 am
Sunday, January 20 – Divine Liturgy 8 am
Sunday, January 27 – Divine Liturgy 8 am

2019 CALENDARS

The 2019 parish calendars are available now on the table in the vestibule. Please pick yours up today.

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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.

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast.

There is a third century dialogue about the services for Theophany between the holy martyr Hippolytus and Saint Gregory the Wonderworker. In the following centuries, from the fourth to ninth century, all the great Fathers of the Church: Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, John of Damascus, commented on the Feast of Theophany.

The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this Feast, which is sung at Orthodox services even today. Saint John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but “to bury human sin by water,” to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify “the nature of water” and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.

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).

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Lord God, through the prayers of Mary, Our Mother, bring your healing presence to all who are sick, injured, or troubled. AMEN.

Please pray for our parishioners, family members and friends who are unable to be with us each Sunday or are in need of healing, physically and/or spiritually. In particular, pray for the following:

Esther Grimm, Ann Comas, Mark Zien, Delores Zien, Walter Zien, Karene Dzmura, Lisa Baron, Dave, Rosella George, Dawn Paluch, Sister Mary Bowman, Mary Ann Meyers, Shelly Weaver, Vera Kohut, Mary Rose Koreny, Leo Zambori, Mary Ann Paluch, Pete Kohut, Sr., Martha Charron (Fr. Jason & Halyna's Daughter), Betty Rushkevich, Carolissa Woodruff, Jean Fisher, Dominic Alexander, Elliana Jewell George, Dillon Osecky, Patti Kudlak Kettler, Bobbi Spak, Garrett Holubek, Paula Earl, Michael Dziadosz, Amy Fisher Woodard, Debbie Deagel, Fr. Salvador Jordan, SJ, Wesley Howsare, Sharon James, Freddie Bulinski, Barbara (Harasuik) Brayec, Jackie Synder, Jen Dziadosz, Deb Howe, Declan

If you would like to submit a name for our prayer list please write the name on a piece of paper and drop it in the collection basket.

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Financial Report – December 30, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$334.00

Second Collection: \$29.00

Candles: \$16.00

Christmas: \$1,046.00

Total Collection: \$1,425.00