

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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Sunday – January 1, 2023

Христос Рождается! Славимо Його! ✱ Christ is born! Glorify Him!

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday January 1 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	New Year's Day Sunday January 1 Circumcision and St. Basil (For the Parish) (+Marion Bartoszyk from Orest)
Thursday January 5 7:00 p.m.	Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord – Great Blessing of Water (For the Parish)
Saturday January 7 10:00 a.m.	Julian Calendar Christmas (Peace in Ukraine)
Sunday January 8 **10:30 a.m.**	Sunday after the Theophany (For the Parish)

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES TO BEGIN SUNDAY JANUARY 15

We will soon start our parish catechism classes for those children intending to make First Confession in 2023. Classes will be held on Sunday between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM), beginning on January 15. First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 1, 2023). Classes will not be held on January 22 and February 19. All children must be attending Divine Liturgy. If you have children of First Confession age in your family, we ask you to please contact Olya Kroytor Mulvey by email at olya.kroytor@gmail.com

ST. PHILIP'S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2022

Please bring new unwrapped baby items to donate to the Front Royal Pregnancy Center. We invite everyone to purchase and donate **NEW, UNOPENED BABY ITEMS**. The pregnancy center will accept anything that could be used by babies and mothers, Diapers (Sizes: 3, 4, and 5) Baby Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Similac Sensitive Powder Formula, Similac Pro-Advance Powdered Formula, Similac Total Comfort Powdered Formula, Enfamil Gentlease Infant Formula Powder, Maternity Clothes, Pants and Skirts (Sizes: L and XL), Dresses (Sizes: S, M, L, and XL), Boy's Clothing (Sizes: 6 months through 3 years) and Boy's Shoes (Sizes: 5 to 11), Winter Jackets (Boys and Girls) (Sizes: Newborn through 3T), Pacifiers. **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 8, 2023.**

Sunday January 8 Parish Christmas Dinner-Prosfora

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Only

Prosfora – Christmas Dinner \$10 adults \$5 college students \$0 youth (0-18)

God With Us Catechism

At the feast of the Nativity we celebrated Christ's manifestation in the flesh. At the feast of the Theophany we celebrate His manifestation in power at His baptism as He begins to proclaim the Kingdom of God. In the thought of the Greek Fathers this event was the occasion of an even more momentous theophany: the New Testament's first revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father's testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son. This is recalled in the troparion of the feast: "At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was revealed; ..." Two images are traditionally associated with this feast. The first, naturally enough, is water. The Great Blessing of Water is conducted on this feast over the water intended to be drunk or distributed to the faithful. The cross is immersed each time as a proclamation that, as Christ entered into the Jordan, He sanctified it, all water and all creation. The second image is light. The Feast of the Theophany has been called The Feast of Lights: "The Holy Day of the Lights to which we have come, and which we are celebrating today, has for its origin the Baptism of my Christ, the True Light that lightens everyone who comes into the world, and effects my purification..." (St Gregory the Theologian, Homily "On the Lights").

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Bishop John Bura, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, and Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

Wishing all of you a Joyous and Blessed New Year!

Happy 2023!

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Fr. Robert and Fr. Andrii