

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.

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th

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Sunday – January 4, 2026

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM
Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

Saturday January 3 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday January 4 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday Before Theophany (Blessings for Joe and Janice from Cindy Turcek) (For the Parish)
Monday January 5 7:00 p.m.	Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord – Great Blessing of Water (+Theresa Caryk from the Serbyn Family)
Tuesday January 6 10:00 a.m.	Theophany of Our Lord (For the Parish)
Wednesday January 7 9:00 a.m.	(+Benjamin and +Mary from Ellen)
Thursday January 8 10:30 a.m.	(+Frank Fisanich from A.M. Gogniat)
Friday January 9 9:00 a.m.	(+Ferne Fisanich from A.M. Gogniat)
Saturday January 10 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday January 11 10:30 a.m.	Sunday After Theophany (For the Parish)

FIRST CONFESSION 2026 PREPARATION RESUMES JANUARY 18

Preparation for First Confession has begun. Classes will still be held on Sundays. Please contact Olya Mulvey at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to learn more. All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The SPRING SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and March 28 - Lazarus Saturday - First Confession.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2025

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: Newborn, 4, and 5) • Changing Wipes • Baby Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Similac Sensitive Powder Formula, Similac Advance Powdered Formula • Sippy Cups & Baby Bottles (8-9 oz.) • 3-in-1 Convertible Car Seats • New Infant Carrier Car Seats (for up to 35 lbs.) **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4, 2026.**

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, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish. 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.

Sunday January 11
Parish Christmas Dinner-Prosfora
Only ONE 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
\$10 adults \$5 college students \$0 youth (0-18)

Fr. Robert and Fr. Mykola wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2026!