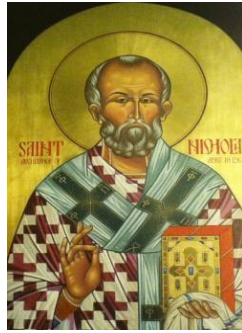


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SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2017 - Sunday after Nativity / Circumcision of our Lord / Commemoration of Saint Basil / Sunday before Theophany

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14 – Sunday after The Nativity / Circumcision of our Lord, Commemoration of Saint Basil the Great / Sunday before Theophany
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 138-142
Epistles: Galatians 1:11-19 / Colossians 2:8-12
Gospels: Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 / Mark 1:1-8
This morning we will have the **induction of all** Parish Board, Men's Club, and Altar Society **officers** immediately following the Gospel reading. **Please note that any new officers** are required to have come to the Sacraments (Confession and Communion) prior to today. Thank you!
Panachida for Stephen and Susan Baronych given by the Bonk Family

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Thursday January 18 --- Theophany Eve
3:30 PM – Vigil Service for the Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Friday January 19 --- The Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Special Hymns – (Blue Pew Book) pp. 145-148
Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Please remember that
Theophany Eve is a day of
strict fast.

Sunday January 21 – Sunday after Theophany / Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist (moved from Saturday) / Venerable George the Chozebite
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Special Hymns – (Blue Pew Book) pp. 148-150
Epistles: Acts 19:1-8 / Ephesians 4:7-13
Gospels: John 1:29-34 / Matthew 4:12-17
Panachida for John Czibik given by Laurence Czibik

Confessions: **(30 minutes)** Prior to as well as following scheduled services. When you come for Confession, please prepare yourself and sit in the front pew. If you cannot make the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Joseph Majcher Sr. Joseph Majcher Jr. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Maryann Ludwig. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewsky.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Ann Richardson. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Marion Pucher given by Family.

Parish Life

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and ***we need your help*** to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

UPDATE! ***8 boxes of food*** were delivered to the Bread Basket this past week. The volunteers there are truly grateful for all the food that will go to those families in need. Let's keep up the good work!

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ***for I was hungry and you gave Me food...***'"

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

January 7, 2017

\$687.00	General Collection
\$181.00	First Sunday
\$155.00	7 Day Light
\$378.00	Holy Days
\$26.00	Taper Candles
\$2,616.00	Parking Donation
\$10.00	Flowers

\$4,053.00	Total Collection
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SPRING 2018 PIROHI SCHEDULE		
Wednesday Prep	Thursday Pinching	Friday Sales
January 24	January 25	January 26
February 7	February 8	February 9
February 28	March 1	March 2
March 14	March 15	March 16
March 28	March 29	March 30

- The **Men's Club** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- The next **Parish Board Meeting** is scheduled for **next Sunday, January 21st**, immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- I would like to **offer my sincere appreciation again for all those who remembered me** with prayers, cards, and gifts this Nativity Season! Truly, thank you and God bless you!

THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Troparion (Tone 1)

At Your Baptism in the Jordan O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed, * for the Father's voice bore witness to You, * calling You His "Beloved Son," * and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. * O Christ God, Who appeared and enlightened the world, glory to You!

“ The Feast of the Holy Theophany of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6/19. The Feast commemorates the Baptism of Christ and the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity. At the Baptism of Christ, all three Persons of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—were made manifest. Thus, the name of the Feast is *Theophany*, meaning manifestation of God.

The Biblical story of the Baptism of Christ is recorded in all four of the Gospels: Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:1-9, Luke 3:21-22, and John 1:31-34. John the Baptist, the cousin of Jesus and the one chosen by God to proclaim His coming, was preaching in the wilderness and was baptizing all who would respond to his message calling for repentance. As he was doing this, John was directing the people toward the one who would baptize them with the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:11).

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. Initially, John would not do this, saying that Jesus should baptize him. Jesus said to John, *‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness’* (Mt. 3:15). John consented and baptized Christ.

When Jesus came up from the water, the heavens opened suddenly, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. The Bible records that the Spirit descended like a dove and alighted upon him. When this happened, a voice came from heaven and said, *“This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”* (Mt. 3:17). This was the voice of God the Father.

Christ's baptism in the Jordan was “theophany,” a manifestation of God to the world, because it was the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. It was also a “*theophany*” in that the world was granted a 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.

The theme of “manifestation” or “revelation” is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. In the hymn of the Feast we sing, “Christ has appeared and enlightened the world.” Thus, January 6/19 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Church celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ. ”