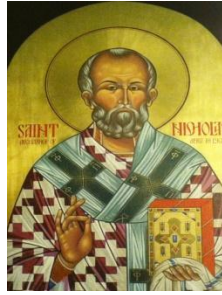


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SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 15 – Sunday before Theophany / Saint Sylvester

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Tropar – Tone 5 (p. 93); Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – p. 142
Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
Panachida for Marion Pucher given by Family.

Feast of The Holy Theophany of Our Lord God and Savior, Jesus Christ

Wednesday, January 18 (Pre-Festive Day of Theophany) --- **STRICT FAST**

9:00 AM – Vespertal Liturgy of Saint Basil
Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – p. 143
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 Gospel: Luke 3:1-18
7:00 PM – Vigil Service for the Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ (with Blessing of Water)

Thursday, January 19 (Feast of Theophany)

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

Friday, January 20 – Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book – pp. 148-150 (Antiphons, pp. 145-146, and Glorification, p. 147, from Theophany)
Epistle: Acts 19:1-8 Gospel: John 1:29-34

Sunday, January 22 – Sunday after Theophany / Martyr Polyeuctus

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tone 8 – Blue Pew Book – p. 150

[Antiphons of Theophany pp. 145/6, Tropar of the Resurrection (Tone 6) p. 96, Tropar / Kondak of Theophany p. 146]

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Confessions: *Prior to scheduled services. If you cannot make it, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for 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. Donald Valasek. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Stephanie Bonk. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Madelyn Hodanich. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Patricia Snell. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Eugene Vaskalis.

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

Assisted Living: Julie Roberts. Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Mary Kneiss. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light: In memory of Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

Vigil Lights: Given by Ann Richardson.

Parish Life

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please continue to remember and support 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.

“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 and January 8, 2017

\$401.80	General Collection
\$2.00	First Sunday
\$134.00	7 Day Light
\$7.00	Pirohi
\$195.00	Holy Days
\$32.00	Taper Candles
\$2,658.00	<u>Christmas</u>
\$3,429.80	Total Collection

Spring 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE		
Wednesday PREP 7:30 AM	Thursday PINCHING 8:00 AM	Friday SALES 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
January 25	January 26	January 27
February 8	February 9	February 10
February 22	February 23	February 24
March 8	March 9	March 10
March 22	March 23	March 24
April 2	April 3	April 4

Parish News

- The **Parish Board** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.

- **Sunday School** will start up again on **Sunday January 29!** Remember, your children and grandchildren’s spiritual education is of the utmost importance. Bring them to Church and Sunday School!

Bill Wassel extends his sincere gratitude for keeping him in your thoughts and prayers, as well as for the get-well cards you sent during his surgery and recovery. He is truly thankful!

News Around the Diocese

2016 Advent Mission Project – Support ZOE for Life! With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Gregory, the National Senior ACRY is pleased to announce the 2016 Advent Mission Project. This year the National ACRY Board and Convention delegates voted to support ZOE for Life! ZOE for Life is a pan-Orthodox, non-profit Christ-centered support organization with three major goals: to help women who need confidential emotional and spiritual support during crisis pregnancies; to assist Orthodox Christians seeking to adopt; and to provide an education for Pure Living and other resources. Zoe for Life through the Zoe House provides necessary baby supplies to mothers and babies in need.

Individuals and Parishes can take part in this year's Advent Mission Project in two ways:

1. Financial contributions are being sought to help Zoe For Life which is in critical need of diapers. Financial contributions will be used by Zoe For Life to replenish their supply of diapers. Make checks payable to National ACRY (memo Advent Mission Project), and send them to National ACRY Advent Mission Project c/o Debbie Samilenko 22 Nicole Dr. Milford, CT 06460

2. ZOE for Life! is also in need of baby items. Many mothers in crisis cannot afford a car seat and babies cannot be released from the hospital without a safe car seat. Pack ‘n Plays can serve as a safe sleeping alternative to a crib. ZOE House is also in constant need of infant layette items: clothing, linens, baby wash, and baby lotion. A “baby registry” has been created on Amazon.com (view the link on www.acrod.org). All items will be shipped directly to Zoe For Life.

To encourage the purchase of items on the registry, churches may wish to host a “virtual” baby shower. Please consider gathering together in the spirit of Orthodox Fellowship and shop the National ACRY baby registry. All items will be shipped to ZOE directly. The baby registry will remain available until 2018!

ZOE also currently has a campaign Bottles for Babies underway. Churches may wish to place a baby bottle in a common area to collect loose change!

Please take time to visit Zoeforlifeonline.org for more information on ZOE for Life and ZOE House. **While the Baby registry will be available indefinitely, we are asking that parishes and individuals wishing to participate by making financial contributions and/or purchasing items from the baby registry do so during the Advent Season by January 31, 2017 at the latest!** The earlier the financial contributions are received, the sooner they can be used by Zoe to purchase the much needed diapers!

Please email Amy Coffman, Advent Mission Coordinator for more information at Alo2474@verizon.net (Please put Advent Mission Project in subject line.) *The ACRY, The Fellowship of Sts Cyril and Methodios, is an Orthodox Christian family fellowship dedicated to the purpose of encouraging spiritual growth through charitable and apostolic missionary works, prayer and fellowship for the Glory of God and the building up of the Church and our Diocese.* To learn more about the ACRY visit their website at www.acry.org.

Choir To Perform At Scranton’s St. Vladimir Church

The Dzvin Ukrainian Folk Choir of Philadelphia will appear at Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00pm. The eighteen-member all male group will offer a program of Ukrainian and English Christmas carols.

The group is known for its rendering of traditional and contemporary Ukrainian songs with a unique and lively interpretation. They have appeared extensively in Southeastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Maryland, as well as in Canada.

The event is open to the public and no tickets are required. Attendees can make a free will offering if they so desire.

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Text from THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid (VOLUME ONE: January to June)

“On the eighth day following His birth, the Divine Child was presented in the Temple and circumcised according to the Law existing in Israel since the time of Abraham. On this occasion He was given the name Jesus, which the Archangel Gabriel had announced to the Most-holy Virgin Mary. The Old Testament circumcision was the prefiguring of the New Testament baptism. The circumcision of our Lord shows that He truly received upon Himself the body of man and not just seemingly, as was later taught of Him by heretics. Our Lord was also circumcised because He wanted to fulfill the entire Law, which He Himself gave through the prophets and forefathers. In fulfilling the written Law, He replaced it with baptism in His Holy Church, as was proclaimed by the Apostle Paul: *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature* (Galatians 6:15).”



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Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

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“Basil was born during the reign of Emperor Constantine. While still unbaptized, he spent fifteen years in Athens, where he studied philosophy, rhetoric, astronomy and all the other secular sciences of that time. His colleagues there were Gregory the Theologian and Julian, later the apostate emperor. In his mature years he was baptized in the Jordan River along with Ebulios, his former teacher. He was Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia for almost ten years and completed his earthly life fifty years after his birth. He was a great defender of Orthodoxy, a great light of moral purity, a religious zealot, a great theological mind, and a great builder and pillar of the Church of God.”

“Basil fully deserved the title ‘Great.’ In liturgical services he is referred to as the ‘bee of the Church of Christ, which brings honey to the faithful and with its stinger pricks the heretics.’ Numerous works of this Father of the Church are preserved; they include theological, apologetical, ascetical and canonical writings, as well as the Holy and Divine Liturgy named after him. This Divine Liturgy is celebrated ten times during the year: his Feast Day (January 1/14), on the Eve of the Nativity of our Lord, on the Eve of the Theophany of our Lord, on all Sundays of Great Lent except Palm Sunday, on Great and Holy Thursday, and on Great and Holy Saturday. Saint Basil reposed peacefully on January 1st (14th on the Julian Calendar), 379, and entered into the Kingdom of Christ.”

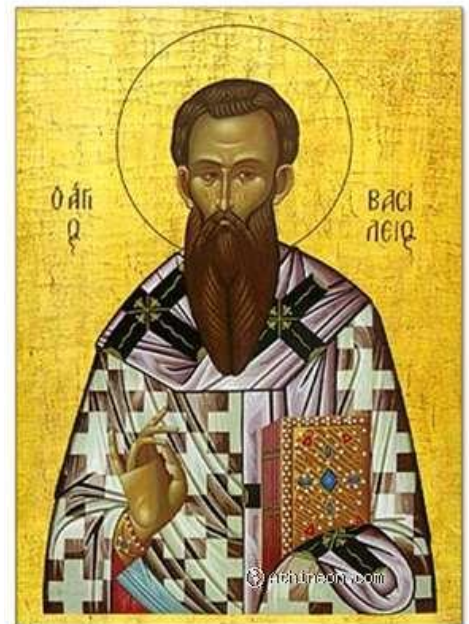


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2017 HOUSE BLESSING

During the upcoming weeks, Father Daniel will be blessing homes. As a great help, **if you want your home blessed please fill out the information below** and return it to Father Daniel, preferably by next Sunday (January 22nd). Thank you very much!

If you prefer, you could scan or email the information (filled in) below. Thank you!

*Please note: **I WILL CALL** before coming to bless your home. Please have ready a table covered with white cloth, and on it an icon, lighted candle, and vessel of holy water.*

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

PREFERABLE WEEKEND TIME FOR FATHER TO COME TO BLESS YOUR HOME (for example – Saturday afternoon):