



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

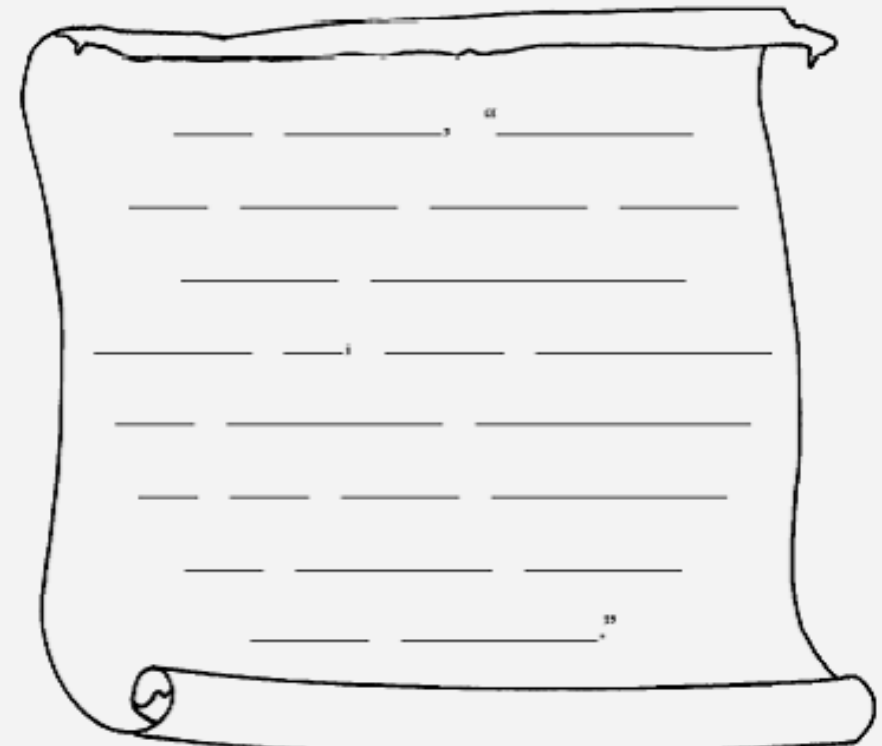
- Monday, January 4 *Forefeast of Theophany/Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles*
- Chancery Office in Parma**
- Tuesday, January 5 *Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
- 9:00 A.M. Royal Hours**
- 7:00 P.M. Vespers Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Water**  
With prayers offered for +Pauline S. Mosur, given by Helen Danyla
- Wednesday, January 6 **The Holy Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water**  
With prayers offered for +Kateryna Dykun, given by Pyptyk Family
- Thursday, January 7 *Afterfeast of the Theophany/Synaxis of St. John*
- 6:30 P.M. Chant Rehearsal**
- Friday, January 8 *Afterfeast of the Theophany/Venerable George the Chozebite*
- Saturday, January 9 *Saturday after the Theophany/Martyr Polyeuctus*
- 5:00 P.M. Great Vespers**
- Sunday, January 10 **Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord**
- \*Parish Dinner\* 9:40 A.M. Third Hour**
- 10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

The Epistle Reading will be Eph 4:7-13, and the Gospel will be Mt 4:12-17. Supplications will be offered for the soul of +Sophie Barnes, given by Dolly Lozer. Following the Divine Liturgy the children of our Church School will present the Nativity Play "The Legend of the Star". After the play we will continue in our Church hall with our Parish Christmas-Theophany Dinner.

What was the message this messenger would deliver?

Write all of the 1's in order.  
Then return to the top and write all of the 2's in order.  
Then return to the top and write all of the 3's in order.

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## ***Theophany House Blessings***

Between the Feast of the Theophany and the beginning of the Great Fast-Lent, it is customary in our Holy Church to have our homes blessed by the parish priest with the Holy Water sanctified on this glorious Feast Day. This is an ancient tradition of the Eastern Church and through it we extend the

“blessing of Jordan” into our homes and private places.

This blessing of our homes underscores and enhances the connection between our parish life and our “HOME CHURCH.” It also gives us and our children an opportunity to see our priest in a more personal situation. All of this strengthens our relationship with God and His Holy Church.

\*\*\* Below are some guidelines for this House Blessing and pastoral visitation:

-In a main room or at the Icon corner place a candle, Cross and/or Icon on a clean linen cloth.

-You may make a list of all the family members you want prayed for during the Blessing Service, with the living and dead on separate columns.

-Turn on a light in every room so that Father can see where he is going.

-Turn off all stereos, TVs, computers, etc.

-Please have all pets confined or restrained.

-If you have any Icons, Crosses, religious articles you wish to have blessed, please place them on the table where the Service will take place.

Everyone present when Father arrives should join him around the Icon corner or the kitchen or dining room table. Father will designate one family member to lead him through the house; the rest should follow along and participate in the Blessing Service. Remember that participation is very important.

## **Announcements**

### **New Altar Server-Acolyte**

Prior to the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, Joseph Bernard London will receive the blessing and be commissioned to serve as an Altar Server. Congratulations to Joseph and his family and we ask Our Lord to bless them for many happy and blessed years.

### **Eve of Theophany**

In preparation for the Feast of Theophany of Our Lord, the Eve of the Feast, which is Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, is a day of simple abstinence for all Ukrainian Catholics. According to the Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholics in the United States (Art. 475, 3), we are to abstain from meat, in addition to eating only one full meal and a smaller snack, milk products being permitted in accordance with local custom.

### **Feast of Theophany**

On Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. For the Vigil of Theophany on Tuesday morning, January 5<sup>th</sup>, Royal Hours will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. In the evening at 7:00 p.m. a Vespertal Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water will be celebrated. On the Feast itself, Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Please come to celebrate one of the oldest Feast Days, which has been celebrated in the Eastern Church since the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century.

### **House Blessing**

With the upcoming celebration of the Feast of Theophany of Our Lord those parishioners who wish to have their house blessed are asked to fill out the form, which is available in the Church vestibule or contact the parish office. Each household that requests this blessing will be contacted by phone to schedule this pastoral visitation. In preparation for your house blessing, please follow the guidelines, which are published in today's bulletin

### **Envelopes 2010-Calendar 2010**

The Church offering envelopes for the year 2010 and the Church Calendar 2010 are available in the hallway leading to the Heritage Room. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2010. Should you not see your envelopes, please let Father Valerian or Mr. Don Hall know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2009. May Our Lord reward you with good health and many happy and blessed years: Многая Літа!

### **Statement of Contribution**

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2009 for tax purposes please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

### **Next Sunday: Christmas-Theophany Dinner**

Preparations are on the way to have our Parish Christmas-Theophany Dinner which will take place next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 starting at 11:30 a.m. in our Church Hall. On that Sunday the children of our St. George's Church School will present their Christmas Play: "The Legend of the Star", immediately following the Divine Services. Tickets for this parish event are \$8.00 per adult, children (12 and younger) \$4.00, and are available from our tickets sellers Eva Hlovchic and Orysia Barshowski following the Divine Liturgy in the Church vestibule.

\*As part of this Dinner we are planning to have a RAFFLE of different Holiday/Gift items. If you wish to donate items towards this raffle, please see Marjan in the Church vestibule. Thank you!

### **Pro-Life Vigil**

We received a letter from His Grace Bishop John in which he urges us to attend the Pro-Life Prayer Vigil which will be held on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, in Ambridge, beginning at the Gazebo (in the park at Merchant & 11<sup>th</sup> Street by the War Memorial). This prayerful event will begin 6:00 p.m. and then continue with a candle-light procession which will move down Main Street to Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church. A small reception will follow in the Church hall. Please plan to attend this important event.

### **Collection- May God bless you...**

The total for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (Dec. 24-25) was \$2754. The total for Sunday, December 27, 2009 was \$2465.50. Nut Rolls: \$188, Radio Donation: \$50.

### **Testimonial Dinner for Bishop Robert**

A testimonial dinner to honor His Grace Bishop Robert Moskal upon his retirement will be held next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Airport Marriott Hotel, beginning at 1:30 p.m. with a reception and dinner following at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each to cover expenses. At the banquet envelopes will be available for a donation to Bishop Robert if you care to give one, or you may bring your own card. For more information or to make reservations please call Mrs. Luba Hlutkowsky at 412-279-7377.

### ***Sunday before the Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ***

*Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John:  
"Do not be afraid to baptize Me. For I have come to save  
Adam, the first-formed man."*

We prepare ourselves on this Sunday to celebrate the Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The day of the Theophany (from Greek theophania, meaning "appearance of God") is the day when the whole world is being renewed and becomes a partaker of the holiness of God. But at the same time, it is the day when Christ enters on the way to Golgotha-Calvary.

He came to John the Baptist on Jordan, not in order to be cleansed, because He was pure of sin, both as God and in the humanity made pure throughout the history of Israel by those ancestors who had given their lives to God and whose saintliness culminated in the all-purity of the Mother of God. Christ did not need cleansing. But these waters, into which all the sinners who had come to John the Baptist confessing the evil of their lives had washed themselves, were as it were heavy with the sinfulness and therefore the mortality of mankind. They had become waters of death, and it is in these waters that the Lord Jesus Christ merges Himself on that day, taking upon Himself the mortality resulting from the sin of man.

He comes, immortal in His humanity and His divinity, and at the same time He vests Himself with the mortality of the sinful world. This is the beginning of the way to Calvary. This is a day when we marvel at the infinite love of God.

Let us therefore today wonder and marvel, and worship this love of God, and learn from Him; because Christ said in the Gospel, "I have given you an example. Follow it." We are called, within the limits of our sinfulness and humanity, to carry one another's burdens, unto life and unto death. Let us learn from this. We find it so difficult to carry the burdens even of those whom we love; and practically impossible to shoulder the burdens of those whom we do not love with a natural, direct tenderness. Let us learn, because otherwise we will not have learned the first lesson which Christ gives us when He enters upon His ministry. Amen.



