



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 11

Saturday after Theophany

Readings: 1 Tim. 6:11-16; Mt. 12:15-21

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Alnold, PA)

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Water (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Jan. 12

Sunday after Theophany

Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Lk. 4:12-17

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon Marta T. Hohosha on her birthday, by family

God's blessing upon Maria Perkun, by Kathleen Shabla

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Ss. John & Paul, Venerables

Readings: James 1:1-18; Mk. 10:11-16

9:30 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)

Repose of Anthony Sr., Anthony Jr., Katherine Fedyna

Sheptytsky Arms

Social Hall

Saturday, Jan. 18

St. Macarius, Venerable

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Jan. 19

Thirty second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: 1 Tim. 1:15-17; Lk. 18:35-43

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Walter, Sue & George Siweckyj**, given by Marai Siweckyj

God's blessing upon Lillian Chlibun on her birthday, by Pyptyk family

Then Jesus started to preach.
What did He say?

Use the code to find out.

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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.

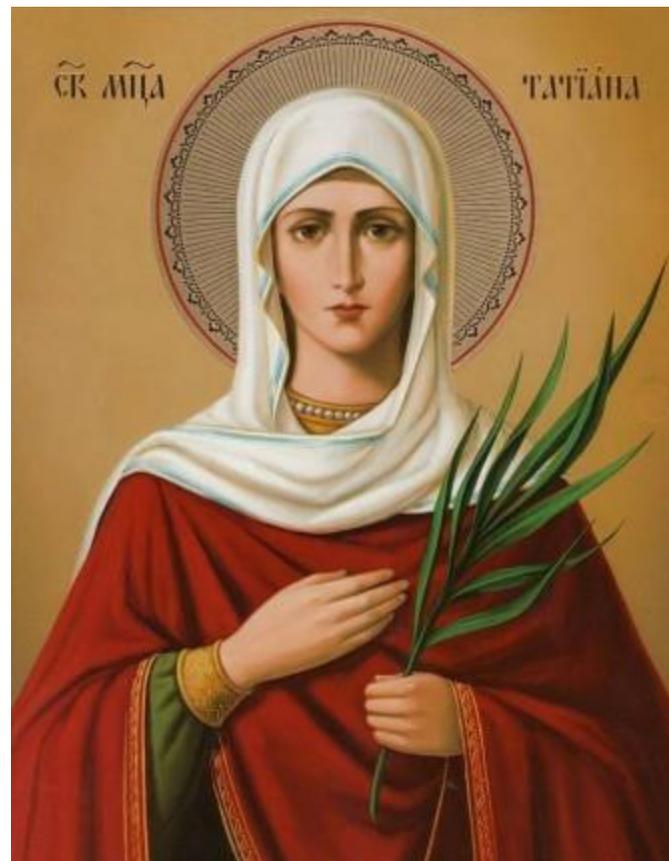
-Turn on a light in every room so that Father can see where he is going.

-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.



January 12, 2020

**Sunday after
Theophany,**

Tone 6;

**The Holy Martyr
Tatiana**

Changeable Part: Pages 28-31
In the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: Parish Dinner

Following the Divine Liturgy we will gather in our Church hall for our Parish Christmas-Theophany Dinner. Thank you to all who organize, sell tickets and cooked for this event. May God bless you!

House Blessing

This week I will continue with the blessing of homes in our parish. Each household that requests this blessing will be contacted by phone to schedule this pastoral visitation. If you wish to have your house blessed, please fill out the form which is available in the Church vestibule.

Please find in the church vestibule a Theophany Card from Patriarch Sviatoslav and a Pastoral Letter of the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops on God's Word and Catechesis.

Next Sunday: Clean-up Decorations

Next Sunday, January 19th, following the Divine Liturgy we will have the clean-up of the Christmas decorations. I ask that you please remain in Church to help put away the decorations. The more of us stay behind, the faster it will go. Thanks

Suggestions for 2020

As we enter this New Year do you have any suggestions or requests for 2020? More Divine Services, classes, charitable events, etc.? We are always looking for ways to improve our Church life. Please don't hesitate to let Fr. Igor know.

Statement of Contribution

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2019 for tax purposes, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule.

Pyrohy

We will reopen on this Thursday, January 16th, 2020. Please come!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 5, 2020 was **\$1,870.00**

(Collection: \$1,805.00, loose & candles: \$25.00, Dinner: \$20.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church



Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha:

c. The Promise of the Messiah's Coming

Expressed in the covenant between God and humankind, the fulfillment of God's promise proceeded in historical stages: "As for me, *I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and your descendants after you*" (Gn 9:9, emphases added). The

covenant between God and Noah and his sons is a first stage. Saint Irenaeus of Lyons emphasizes God's initiative in the establishment of covenant: "How shall humankind pass into God, unless God had [first] passed into humankind?" The rainbow, which unites heaven with earth, is a visible sign of this covenant. Noah and his descendants, Shem, Ham and Japheth, are the representatives of humankind, of all races, and nations, of the peoples united by "their own language, by their families, in their nations" (Gn 10:5). (#164)

Sunday after the Theophany of Our Lord

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

After Christ was baptized, the first words that He said were: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". Why? Because after we have been baptized, we are always tempted and the only way to end temptation is to repent. But what exactly do these words mean? What is repentance? What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

In order to understand the meaning of the word repentance, we must first understand the nature of the opposite of repentance, the reason for repentance - sin. Sin comes to us in three stages.

First, we have a thought, a temptation towards evil. Secondly, we entertain that thought and imagine its attraction until it becomes irresistible. Thirdly we act on that thought that we have entertained. These are the three stages of sin...Repentance also has three stages...

First, our consciences are pricked, we have the thought that what we have done is bad. Secondly, we entertain that consciousness and develop it until action becomes irresistible. Thirdly, we act. These are the three stages of repentance.

Repentance then is not just an idea, a thought; it is above all an ACTION. Repentance is a change of mind which leads to a practical and visible change in our way of life.

Yes, it is true, that often we seem to come to Confession with the same sins as before. Yes, it is true, that often we seem to make no progress, that although we have done wrong yet again, we have no tears, no depth of repentance to make us change our way of life. However, this should not mean that we lose hope, that we despair. That would be to fall to another temptation of the demon, the thought that we are unable to repent and that all our efforts are futile. Merely coming to Confession and saying that we are weak, that we have done wrong yet again, that our repentance lacks depth, is an act of repentance in itself. As the Gospel says, we must forgive even unto seven times seventy. Moreover, by continued repentance and the determination to repent, eventually depth of repentance and tears will come to us. On this Sunday we ask Almighty God to grant us the desire for that repentance. Amen.

