



# ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Jan. 8

**Sunday after Theophany**

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

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Joseph Salo (by Myron & Patty Rodzay)**

God's blessing, health and wellbeing upon Joseph, Andriy, Kyryl, Taisa, Gabriel, Vivian, Evagelina  
(requested by Halyna Sibruk)

Wednesday, Jan. 11

**St. Theodosius, Venerable**

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11:27-30

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

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

Sheptytsky Arms  
Social Hall

Thursday, Dec. 12

**St. Tatiana, Martyr**

Readings: Heb. 10:35-11:7; Mk. 9:10-16

**7:00 P. M. Moleben to our Savior**

Saturday, Jan. 14

**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 (McKees Rocks)**

Sunday, Jan. 15

**35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Readings: Col. 3:12-16; Lk. 18:18-27

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Kozak (by family)**

Supplications will be offered for+ **John & Anna Rodzay (by Myron & Patti Rodzay)**

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## House Blessing

The house being cleaned and ready, we dress in an honorable manner (as we would for Church). When the priest arrives, we greet him at the door, having turned off any radio, TV, or other noise based element. Animals that may cause disruption by being startled by the sprinkling water should be placed out of the way. On a small table before icons, a small bowl full of newly blessed water is placed. Together with a list of names

of those who reside in the home, a lighted candle is also placed on the table. These items are arranged prior to the arrival of the priest. At the beginning of the service for the blessing of the home, a family member leads the priest throughout the home, carrying the lighted candle. The rest of the household follows and then returns to the table for the final prayer and blessing with water upon those present. Remember that participation is very important.

## Questions about Holy Water

### Q. When should I drink Holy Water?



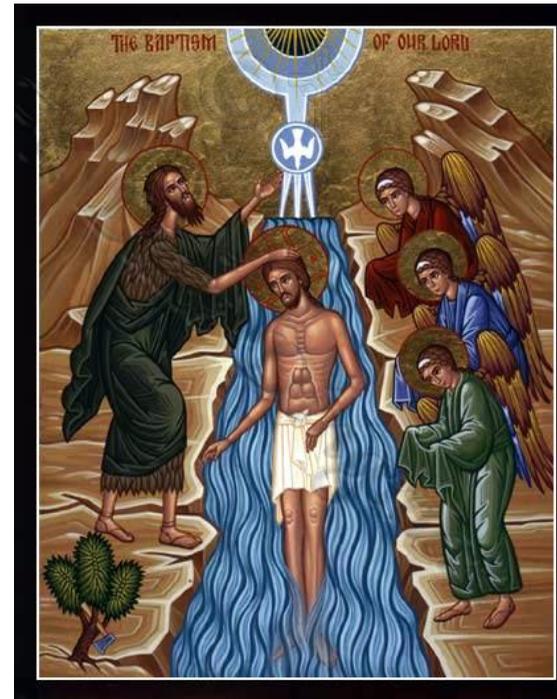
A. When you feel a spiritual need, that is when you find yourself strongly tempted; feel in an evil way; are about to set out on a journey; will miss the Divine Services; before a difficult encounter; in illness, afflictions, etc.. It is the custom of some pious people to take a drink of holy water the first thing every day before they eat or drink anything else (except on days when they receive Holy Communion).

### Q. Where should I keep the Holy Water?

A. Some keep the holy water in their icon corner and others in the refrigerator.

### Q. Does Holy Water have magical powers?

A. No. But it is matter that is "spirit-bearing" which brings the blessing of God, cleansing, healing, and can be used for every purpose that is expedient.



**January 8, 2017**

*Sunday after Theophany,  
Octoechos 1; Our Venerable  
Father George the Chosebite  
(610-41); Our Venerable  
Mother Dominica (474-91);  
and Emilian the Confessor*

***Changeable Part:*** *Pages 23-24 in the Booklet  
of Changeable Parts (Small white book)*

## **Announcements:**

### **This Sunday: Christmas Dinner**

We continue with the ticket sale for our Parish Christmas Dinner "Προσφορά" which will take place on next Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00 a.m. Tickets for this parish event are \$10.00 per adult, children (12 and younger) \$4.00, and will be available from our tickets sellers Mary Siweckyj or Olga Perkun following the Divine Liturgy in the Church vestibule. Please mark your calendars for this happy event.

### **Holy Water**

Holy Water that was blessed on the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord is available in the center of our Church. I ask that you please be careful when you are filling your containers so to not spill it on the floor. Remember that this Holy Water is sanctified by the Holy Spirit, so that we by partaking of it may be filled with the Holy Spirit. For more information on partaking and preserving the Holy Water at home, please read the article in today's bulletin.

### **Next Sunday: Clean-up Decorations**

Next Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

## House Blessing

Following the celebration of the Feast of Theophany of Our Lord I will continue with the blessing of homes in our parish. 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 the bulletin.

## Envelopes 2017-Calendar 2017

We continue with the distribution of the Church offering envelopes for the year 2017 and the Church Calendar 2016. They are available in the vestibule. Should you not see your envelopes, please let Father Ihor or Mr. Don Hall know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2016. May Our Lord reward you with good health and many happy and blessed years: Многая Літа!

The Ukrainian American Citizens Club, Carnegie will be holding a Pasta Dinner on Sunday, January 29 from Noon - 6:00pm. Adult tickets are \$10 and children under 12 are \$5. Eat in or Take Out. Please support the Ukrainian American Citizens Club, 302 Mansfield Boulevard, Carnegie.

## Suggestions for 2017

As we enter this New Year do you have any suggestions or requests for 2017? 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. Ihor know.

## Statement of Contribution

Those parishioners who would like to receive a statement of contribution for the year 2016 for tax purposes, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church vestibule.

## Pyrohy

We will reopen on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please come!

## Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 1, 2017 was **\$1,608.00**

(Collection: \$1532.00, Loose & candles: \$ 76.00)

Additional collection for Sunday of December 4, 2016 was **\$1,358.00**

***Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!***

## ***About the Baptism of Saint John***

Saint John the Baptist plays one of the most important roles in the history of salvation. He was a man of great fame for his asceticism, spiritual purity, and preaching and this is witnessed by the fact that "Jerusalem and all Judea went out to him, and all the region round about Jordan." (Matthew 3:5) But he is known primarily for his role as Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

*As Forerunner, he:*

- comes in the spirit of Elijah.
- preaches repentance for the coming Messiah
- calls for the bearing of fruit warning that those who do not bear fruit will be "cut down and cast into the fire"
- fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah by serving as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" (Is 40:3)
- fulfills the prophecy of Malachi, "Behold, I send My messenger before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee" (Mal 3:1)

*As Baptist, he:*

- baptizes for the remission of sins (literally "to let go" of sins – Mk 1:4)
- points to one greater than he, Who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire
- after first hesitating, he baptizes the Lord, in order to "full all righteousness"

The ax is laid to the root of the trees" The ax means the judgment of Christ, and the trees stand for each one of us.

When asked who he was, St. John very clearly explained that he was not the Christ, but that the One was coming, "whose sandal strap he was not worthy to stoop down and loosen" for the Christ would baptize not with water, but with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

"Comes in the spirit of Elijah", in Matthew 11:14, the Lord says that St. John is this Elijah who was to come. Even in appearance St. John looked like the prophet Elijah, as "John had his clothing of camel's hair and leather girdle about his loins" (Matthew 3:4) and Elijah "was a hairy man who wore a leather belt around his loins." (2 Kings 1:8).

