



January 3, 2016

Sunday Before Theophany

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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**SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday:**

Rosary 8:30 am  
Festal Matins 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Wednesday

OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm

Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Friday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

**Saturday:** Great Vespers 4:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday OFF

**Parish Advisory Board Members:**

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,  
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

**Parish Finance Council Members:**

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

**Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):**

9:15-10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday  
Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning:**

Must be arranged six months in advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Sick and Shut-Ins:** It is the family's responsibility to  
notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the  
hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old  
age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy  
Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that  
one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major  
surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that  
someone is ill!

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:**

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

**Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home,  
contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.**

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
<i>Canned goods collection for Franciscan Friars</i>	9:15 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr Chris: Birthday Blessings, Barbara De Lap by Donna Ceballos
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Synaxis of the 70 Apostles</b>	
January 4	<i>Epistle: James 2:14-26; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52</i>	
		No Divine Liturgy today
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Vigil of Theophany</b>	
January 5	<i>Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Gospel: Luke 3:1-18</i>	
	9:00 am	Royal Hours
	6:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Blessing and health of Mary Sanchez Great Blessing of Water
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Theophany of Our Lord/Holy Day of Obligation</b>	
January 6	<i>Epistle: Titus 2:11-14 &amp; 3:4-7; Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17</i>	
	9:00 am	Matins
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends/Great Blessing of Water Fr. Chris: +Ann Yacik
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Synaxis of John the Baptist</b>	
January 7	<i>Epistle: Acts 19:1-8; Gospel: John 1:29-34</i>	
	<b>Father's Day Off</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>George, Dominica &amp; Emilian Venerables</b>	
January 8	<i>Epistle: 1 Peter 1:1-2.10-12; 2:6-10; Gospel: Mark 12:1-12</i>	
Abstinence	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Helga Dzek
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday after Theophany</b>	
January 9	<i>Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17; Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11</i>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday after Theophany</b>	
January 10	<i>Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17</i>	
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek Family
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:00 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: Intention of Helga Dzek ECF classes after Liturgy

**O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!**

Fr. Julian Gnall	Roy Smith	Paola Terlaza	Laura Dominguez
Fr. Anthony Romero	Sven & Barbara Svensson	Henry Zuggger	Robert Zadel
	Michele Koetter	John & Margie Disque	William Frank
	Abraham Haddad	Phillip Fall	Joseph Koetter
	Lillian Murphy	Walter Jakymiw	Mary Nell Preisler
	Jenny Ford	Olga Bodnar	Jackie De Paolis
	Marilyn Fore	Frances Brannan	Donny Terry
	Robert Hasaka	John Deflice	Mary Murphy
	Frank & Martha Arden	Kristoff Rajala	Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
	Pricilla Hughes	Jordan Smith	Quintin Santamaria & Family
	Sharif Rabadi	Maggie Batsel	Heather Mattax
	Threima Leech	Katrina Anderson	Larry Bennett
	Stephen Horner	Tony Lucero	Mary Ellis
	Demetrius Yackanich	Chris Overlin	Mike Harahuc

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing.*

Joyful Mysteries are recited from now until January 6.

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*



#### ***Intentions of the Rosary***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

#### **Holy Fathers Intentions for January:**

**Universal: Interreligious Dialogue.** That sincere dialogue among men & women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace & justice.

**Evangelization: Christian Unity.** That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

**Tithing & Attendance Report  
December 27, 2015  
Attendance: 47**

Sunday	\$1,076.75
Tithes - Youth	53.00
St. Nicholas	100.00
Nativity	1,566.00
Calendars	56.00
Candles	66.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,917.75</b>

*Our weekly Gift to the Lord—  
May the Lord Bless your kindness and  
generosity to His House!*

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!**  
Fr Artur and Fr Chris are deeply grateful  
for YOUR thoughtful remembrance in  
YOUR PRAYERS this Christmas. We  
also THANK YOU for YOUR cards and  
GIFTS. Be assured of a place in our  
prayers. May the Lord BLESS your  
kindness, generosity and  
thoughtfulness!!!!!!!

**ETERNAL MEMORY!!!!**

Charles Block, father of our beloved cantor  
Steve Block, fell asleep in the Lord last  
Monday December 28th. We offer Steve's  
family our prayerful condolences and  
promise of prayers for Charles' eternal  
repose and their consolation.

May God grant his servant Charles blessed  
repose and remember him forever!



**Vocation Icon**  
Today: Dodson-Sands  
Next Sunday: Donlin

**ALL SOULS SATURDAYS FOR 2016**  
We have 5 All Souls Saturdays on which  
we commemorate by name our beloved  
deceased.

The dates for this year are:

January 30 (Saturday before Sunday of  
Meatfare)

February 20, February 27, March 5 (3  
Saturdays during the Great Fast)

May 14 (the Saturday before Pentecost  
Sunday).

**Please use** the special envelope in your  
Budget Envelope Sets to print out only the  
first names of the deceased you want to  
remember and place the envelope in the  
Sunday collection basket or give it to  
Father. The donation for the All Souls is  
given to the pastor.

The names are read during All Souls  
Memorial Liturgy, which is followed also by  
Panichida.

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST	COUNTER
Jan. 10	Sven Svensson	Ana Elisa Talamante	Samia Rabadi	Open	Open

**Barbara's Hall Report:**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

**January is the season for house blessings.** The pastor is invited to come to the family home in order to celebrate this annual rite. **Jordan water from the Theophany service should be provided for Father to do the blessing,** which ideally starts in the family icon corner. Anything else which needs blessings should be placed there, on a white cloth. **The mother has a liturgical role, as she takes a lit candle and leads Father through the house,** turning on the electric lights as they go. The family joins in singing the Theophany troparion, either at the icon corner or the family table, or in a little procession. **Every room is blessed, and Father does not care whether or not the room is clean.** For protection of the family, **all exterior doors are blessed** "in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" while Father sprinkles holy water.

In this **home-based ritual, the parish priest comes in his role as spiritual father of the faith community, which is why we call priests "Father"**, following Saint Paul's example ((Gal. 4:19, 1 Cor. 4:14–15, 2 Tim. 2:1, Titus 1:4, Philem. 10) and St. John throughout his Letters (1 John 2:1, 1 John 2:13–14, 3 John 4). He is able to be welcomed by the family in their own domestic church, the extension of the parish community. It is not a time to worry about the house being spotless: more important is that the family's interior life is spotless!

*Please fill out the house blessing sign-up sheet on the greeting table with your name and phone number. Father will contact you for a date and time.*

**Most sincere thanks to our God-loving parishioners** who beautified our church with wonderful Poinsettias, to those who provided and decorated a real Christmas Tree, those who made our hall ready for the Holy Super, those who took care and organized the dishes for the Holy Supper, for those who did the cleaning, who provided and put out the luminaries, those who with angelic voices made our services ascend up to the Heavenly Choirs.

ALL OUR efforts made this festive season unique and beautiful as never before and filled with LOVE, JOY and family atmosphere.  
May the new born Savior shower His abundant blessings YOU and all the wonder-workers of OLPH!!!

### Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Wednesday, January 20	Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day/Santa Fe Noon Mass at St. Francis Cathedral 1:30 pm Procession to the Roundhouse
Friday, January 29	Three Holy Hierarchs 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 30	1 <sup>st</sup> All Souls Saturday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy & Pahachida for Souls of Deceased

## Office of Evangelization & Education

January 2016

### 10 Things Pope Francis wants us to Know about Evangelization

#### **Everyone is Meant to Evangelize**

Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.—Evangelii Gaudium

#### **Want Authentic Personal Fulfillment? Evangelize**

When the Church summons Christians to take up the task of evangelization, she is simply pointing to the source of authentic personal fulfillment. For "here we discover a profound law of reality: that life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others. This is certainly what mission means".—Evangelii Gaudium

#### **Evangelization Starts with Our Own Relationship with Jesus**

The spread of the Gospel is not guaranteed either by the number of persons, or by the prestige of the institution, or by the quantity of available resources. What counts is to be permeated by the love of Christ, to let oneself be led by the Holy Spirit and to graft one's own life onto the tree of life, which is the Lord's Cross.—Pope Francis Homily, Mass with Seminarians and Novices, July 7, 2013

#### **We Must Witness the Faith with Our Lives**

If you happen to be with an atheist who tells you that he does not believe in God, you can read him the whole library, where it says that God exists, and where it is proven that God exists, and he will not believe. [However] if in the presence of this same atheist you witness to a consistent, Christian life, something will begin to work in his heart.... It will be your witness that brings him the restlessness on which the Holy Spirit works.—Homily, Domus Sanctae Marthae, February 27, 2014

#### **An Evangelizer Must be Joyful**

Consequently, an evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! ... And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of

the Gospel whose lives glow with fervor, who have first received the joy of Christ".—Evangelii Gaudium

#### **We Must Encounter People to Evangelize**

Be servants of communion and of the culture of encounter! I would like you to be almost obsessed about this. Be so without being presumptuous, but rather be guided by the humble yet joyful certainty of those who have been found, touched and transformed by the Truth who is Christ, ever to be proclaimed.—Homily, World Youth Day, July 27, 2013

#### **We Must Know How to Give an Initial Proclamation of Jesus**

On the lips of the catechist the first proclamation must ring out over and over: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.... nothing is more solid, profound, secure, meaningful and wisdom-filled than that initial proclamation." — Evangelii Gaudium

#### **Get Out of Our Comfort Zone**

I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the center and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.—Evangelii Gaudium

#### **Evangelizers Love People**

Evangelizers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice. An evangelizing community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be. It is familiar with patient expectation and apostolic endurance. — Evangelii Gaudium

#### **Everyone Needs to be Evangelized**

Jesus teaches us that the Good News, which he brings, is not reserved to one part of humanity, it is to be communicated to everyone.—Angelus, January 26, 2014

## Theophany by Fr. Christopher Zegger

### The Theophany Icon

**John baptizes Jesus**, but he is shown bent over in reverence, and either looking at heaven or facing the Lord. **Jesus is the center** of the icon in every way, and not John, as the other two Persons of the Holy Trinity are revealed above His head. Near to John is a **tree with an ax laid at the root**, recalling John's own preaching to those who came to him: *"And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: therefore every tree which brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."* (Matt 3:10). St. John will indeed decrease so that Jesus may increase, but he is not tossed aside and will be an important figure still. **John is always dressed** in the traditional clothing of the **prophets**. One hand rests on Jesus in His humanity, the other points to heaven for His divinity.

Christ is always in the center, standing in the flowing waters of the Jordan. **Jesus is in the water, yet outside of the water**: as the Creator, He stands above His creation but as the Son of Man, He is rooted in the river. **His right hand spells out His name and title**: IC XC, Jesus the Christ, in Greek letters.

**In the center of the icon: the moment of revelation itself: John baptizes Jesus, Who is the Son of God; the Spirit of God descends from on high; God the Father's hand appears inside a nimbus of glory, and the Father speaks. It is the first clear revelation of the Trinity in Scripture!**

**God the Father is revealed as the never-ending circle of light**, and rays come forth either in a three-branch or one straight down to Jesus' head. **God the Holy Spirit descends "like a dove"** and so is shown in that form. Thus, the life-giving Person does not come down in blazing fire, but like the landing of one of the gentlest of God's creatures!

Across from this, the **angels are prepared to assist Jesus**: notice that their hands are covered. Even "the holy bodiless powers of heaven" do not dare to touch their Maker!

**Sometimes little people and animals are shown in the flowing Jordan**: Fish swim in two directions, to show the river parting for Jesus, This is a reflection of the words of the Psalmist regarding the Messiah (Christ): "the sea saw and fled, the Jordan turned back" (Psalm 114:3).. The man personifies the Jordan, a sea dragon or a crowned woman the oceans, and the serpents those who are crushed by the redeemer (Genesis 3:15). **Jesus defeats death, and brings forth true life in the power of the Holy Spirit!**

#### Theophany icon explained:

The **paradox** that Jesus Christ might be revealed as God through an act of submittal to a mere man, John, is shown well in the Icon. Though **John is baptizing Christ, it is the former who is shown bent over** in reverence to the latter. In other icons, John is shown with his face turned toward heaven and beholding the miracle of the Theophany; either way, despite being the baptizer, he is not central to the scene.

**Near to John is a tree with an axe laid at the root, recalling John's own preaching** to those who came to him: "And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: therefore every tree which brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matt 3:10). Present in the icon, this shows that whilst the Baptizer must now "decrease so Christ may increase", John's teachings and role are not done away with now the Holy Trinity has been revealed.

On the opposite bank to John the Baptist, **angels wait** invisibly to receive the newly baptized Christ and clothe Him. And so, on the left is the forerunner of Christ, John, with his sermon of repentance represented by the tree and axe; on the right, the angels wait with reverence to accept the newly revealed Son of God. In the middle – the moment of revelation itself.

**Thank you so much** to everyone who bought Christmas Fudge & Cookies! My son Chris & his family received Fudge & money that Chris and his wife Erin put towards the children's "BIG" present for Christmas. Abundant blessings to ALL. Lara Davis.

**ALL OLPH Ladies!!!** Mark your calendars and plan to attend two wonderful "new" groups that will be meeting in January:

The Women's Encounter Group for sharing & support will meet at Cindy's house on Saturday January 9. We will have a potluck brunch beginning at 10am. The meeting will last until Noon.

The OLPH Women's Book Club will have their first meeting of the year on Saturday January 23 in the OLPH Hall. We will share a potluck brunch at 10am and the meeting will end at Noon. We will discuss **THE STORY OF A SOUL** by St Therese of Lisieux



Christian Initiation of Nathanael Jerry Brewer