

January 8, 2017

Sunday After Theophany / T one 1

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13; Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God Forever!



Theophany Water Blessing at the Riverside



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SCHEDULE:

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

Daily Liturgy (Schedule of Services, Page 3)

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 1st & 3rd Thursday
pot luck dinner 6:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

Eastern Christian Formation Program: All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after week-day 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!

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.

- Today**
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Matins/Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
Fr. Chris: Blessings for Maria Lipski by Pamela Baia
Eternal Lamp: Mary Ann Sullivan by Jilek Family
ECF Classes
- January 9
Monday**
Post festive of Theophany/Polyeuct Martyr
Epistle: Hebrews 8:7-13; Gospel: Mark 8:11-21
9:00 am Blessing on Barbara DeLap by D.R. Ceballos
- January 10
Tuesday**
Post festive of Theophany/Gregory of Nyssa Bishop
Epistle: Hebrews 9:8-10 & 15-23; Gospel: Mark 8:22-16
9:00 am +Bob Hasaka by Victoria and Larry Scriggins
- January 11
Wednesday**
Post festive of Theophany/Theodosius Venerable
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Gospel: Matthew 11:27-30
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Blessing on Tessa Pettit by Pam Pettit
- January 12
Thursday**
Post festive of Theophany/Tatiana Martyr
Epistle: Hebrews 10:35-11:7; Gospel: Mark 9:10-16
6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner
7:00 pm THEOSIS: Mystery of the Byzantine Liturgy
- January 13
Friday**

Post festive of Theophany/Herrmolaus and Stratonicus Martyrs
Epistle: Hebrews 11:8 & 11-16; Gospel: Mark 9:33-41
6:00 pm +Fr. Wes Izer
- January 14
Saturday**
Leave taking of Theophany/Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho
Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-8; Gospel: Luke 4:1-11
2—4:00 pm Neighborhood Meeting in the Hall
- January 15
Sunday**
35th Sunday aafter Pentecost
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16; Gospel: Luke 18:18-27
4:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm +Fr. Wes Izer
8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Festive Matins/Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
Fr. Chris: +Leonard Falzone by Joe Cane
Eternal Lamp: Sven Svensson 72nd birthday blessings by
Barbara Svensson
ECF Classes

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; 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

Sharif Rabadi
 Stephen Horner
 Katrina Anderson
 Abraham Haddad
 Jenny Ford
 Threima Leech
 Priscilla Hughes
 Steve Jakymiw
 Lillian Murphy
 Marilyn Fore
 Demetrius Yackanich
 Sven & Barbara Svensson
 Keith Romero

Fr. Julian Gnall
 Henry Zugger
 John & Margie Disque
 Phillip Fall
 Laura Dominguez
 Olga Bodnar
 Frances Brannan
 John Deflice
 Mary Ann Kosty
 Jordan Smith
 Maggie Batsel
 Jean Pesce
 Henry Burnette
 Tracy McTernan

William Frank
 Mary Nell Preisler
 Mike Harahuc
 Robert Zadel
 Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
 Quintin Santmaria & Family
 Heather Mattax
 Larry Bennett
 Paola Terlaza
 Ruth Sousa
 Frank Gerace
 Linda Granci
 Barbara Irving
 Mary Danyluk

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

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



Vocation Icon

Today: Riley

Next Sunday: Dodson-Sands

Holy Father's Intentions for January

Christian Unity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

January 1, 2017; Attendance: 119

House Blessings - When Father comes to bless the house a) TV and radio should be turned off; b) a space should be prepared with white tablecloth, cross and candle and any religious items that have never been blessed; c) the mother or head of the home leads Father through the house, turning on the lights in each room as it is blessed;

Please pick up **the 2017 wall calendar**. **A simple way to begin a rule of prayer is read the Epistle and Gospel that are listed for each day of the week. In the course of the year, you will have completed nearly all of the New Testament**, except for the Book of Revelation. A good way to do this is to buy the Ignatius New Testament in our bookstore, as that has copious footnotes that explain the text, especially in terms of the culture and history of the time and accurate translations of phrases whose meanings are lost when rendered in English.

The Knights go out to provide food, clothing, and comfort to the homeless once each month in the winter months. We're still in need of donations of warm coats (preferably men's coats), new socks, bottled water, non-perishable and portable "snack" foods like granola bars, backpacks, tents, and blankets. Please bring your donations so that we will have them by January 23rd, and give to Dan Riley, Jeff Brewer, or Brook Jilek. Thank you! The Knights will be going for their monthly outreach to the homeless on the night of Jan 25th, 6:30 pm, meeting at the hall.

Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day in Santa Fe

Annual March for Life in Santa Fe this year on **Wednesday January 18**. All interested to participate in this event, we will meet at the church to carpool and we will depart at 10am for the Mass at St Francis Cathedral. For the procession from the cathedral to the Roundhouse, we will be taking the Icon of Our Lady Helper of Mothers and church banners. After the procession we could go out for lunch and then head home.

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
Jan. 15	Michael Wells	Katara Dodson-Sands	Eva Schuler Miles Gloetzner	Michael Wells Miles Gloetzner	Svensson

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to Eva Schuler for bringing in a tray of cookies! And that was just enough to keep Mr. Nobody away! Please sign up for future Sunday Socials. We almost have a whole year left open! No one is happy when there is no food, except Mr. Nobody!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

January 18 Wednesday	March for Life in Santa Fe Noon Mass at St. Francis Cathedral 1:30 pm procession to the Roundhouse
January 9, 23 Monday	5:45 pm Explorers meeting
January 12, 19 Thursday	6:30 pm Pot-luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS: Mystery of the Byzantine Liturgy
January 24, 31 Tuesday	6:30 pm CAFE meeting at UNM
	Three Holy Hierarchs/Simple Holy Day
January 30 Monday	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Church Etiquette Series: Preparing for Divine Liturgy

Real preparation for Divine Liturgy begins on Saturday evening. Before going to bed, we are encouraged to read the Sunday Epistle and Gospel. Let those words be the last we hear as we fall asleep. On Sunday morning, make an effort to reflect on those words as we follow our routine for getting ready and driving to church. Upon entering the church and venerating icons and lighting candles, we go to our pew and spend time with the Lord in prayer and reflection. For this reason, we should never engage in idle chitchat before Liturgy begins as it disrupts our own preparation and that of those already in church. Even when driving to church as a family, we can ask each other what his/her thoughts are about the readings. This also means that we need to arrive at least ten minutes before church begins in order to have that sacred time with the Lord. If we do all this, Divine Liturgy will be more meaningful for us!

Read, study, learn - but what? We will be running some suggestions this month: Jan 8 -

1. THEOSIS magazine is a print or PDF by email monthly: daily prayer, short description for the saint of the day, and about a dozen short essays on topics for spiritual reflection from the Christian East (history, Tradition and theology and the sacramental life of the Eastern Churches). \$6 print, \$3 email.

2. The *Byzantine Daily Office* includes the full prayer text for Morning and Evening Prayers for Persons in the World, and the First, Third, Sixth and Ninth Hours, with all the changeable parts needed for each day. Each day's prayers are delivered by email in a Complete form for all six services, OR a Lite form with an abbreviated version just three of the six services, and a Propers form with just the changeable parts for each day. \$9.00/month for regular customers, and \$3.00/month for students, seniors and religious orders.

Subscribe to these via www.ecpubs.com, OR Phone: 703-691-8862; **Fax:** 703-691-0513.

THANK YOU TO all who contributed to our Christmas celebrations: choir and servers at the Liturgies; those who decorated the church, the hall for Holy Supper, and the outdoor garden; those who participated in Holy Supper on Christmas Eve; all of those who attended the services; the families and individuals who went out on Dec. 26 to visit our parishioners in nursing homes and truly brought Christmas cheer to them.

THEOPHANY ICON

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 John who is shown bent over** in reverence to the latter. In other icons, John is shown with his face turned toward heaven and be- holding 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. **Angels wait** to receive the newly baptized Christ and clothe Him, but their hands are covered as a sign of reverence.

Christ's hands are not shown in prayer, but in a sign of blessing. Rather than the waters of Jordan cleansing Christ, it is **Christ Who cleans the waters**. This is why in the bottom of most Theophany Icons, little creatures appear to be fleeing from the feet of Christ. 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). Fish swim in two directions, to show the river parting for Jesus. The man personifies the Jordan, a sea dragon the oceans, and the serpents those who are crushed by the redeemer (Genesis 3:15).

Saint of the Week - Jan 10 - Gregory of Nyssa; a married priest, brother of St. Basil the Great (and five other saints were in this family) who became a great theologian. He was persecuted as bishop of Nyssa for refusing to yield to heresy; after he was restored to his throne was sent to the Arabs to keep them orthodox. To support Gregory was to be considered orthodox in faith, and he was nicknamed "mainstay of the Church" in his lifetime. The Armenian and Syro-Malabar Churches list him as a Doctor of the Church.

Join the Friars of the Renewal on Pilgrimage in 2017

Holy Land with Fr. Daniel Marie - Walk in the Footsteps of our Lord - Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth - Sail on the Sea of Galilee, renew your baptismal promises in the Jordan River. Break bread with local Christians in Bethlehem. January 18-28 \$3295 plus tips

Spring Break in Mexico City with Fr. Joseph Mary - The Church of the Incarnation is sponsoring this pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe. You'll also visit the Metropolitan Cathedral, Our Lady of the Rosary, the Pyramids, Puebla and take a traditional Boat Ride in Xochimilco. - March 19-25 - Spring Break for Santa Fe Catholic and RR & ABQ Public Schools - \$1795 plus tips

Fatima & Santiago with Fr. Joseph Mary & Br. Joachim - Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima with a pilgrimage! Then travel up to Santiago de Compostela, with an option to walk the Camino of St. James. We'll visit Lisbon, the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem, the Convent where Sr. Lucy lived. September 4 - 13 from \$3450 plus tips

All trips include air from Albuquerque, ground transportation at our destinations, hotels, guides, admissions, most meals. Land only and connections from other cities are also available.

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Bethlehem Carolers Play



Shut-ins Visits

