



# ST. GEORGE’S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 4

Saturday before Theophany  
Readings: 2 Tim. 45-8; Mk. 1:1-8  
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Jan. 5

Sunday before Theophany  
Readings: 2 Tim. 45-8; Mk. 1:1-8  
9:10 A.M. Third Hour  
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy  
Supplications will be offered for+Yuriy Hohosha, given by Michael & Victoria Senko

Monday, Jan. 6

(North Side)  
Theophany of Our Lord  
Readings: Titus. 2:11-14 & 3:4-7; Mt. 3:13-17  
7:00 P.M. Vespereal Divine Liturgy/Blessing of water  
God’s blessing on all parishioners (By Fr. Igor Hohosha)

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Sheptytsky Arms  
Social Hall  
St. George, Dominica and Emilian, Venerables  
Readings: Heb. 10:2-18; Mk. 8:30-34  
9:30 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)  
Repose of Ann Rush, by friends

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)

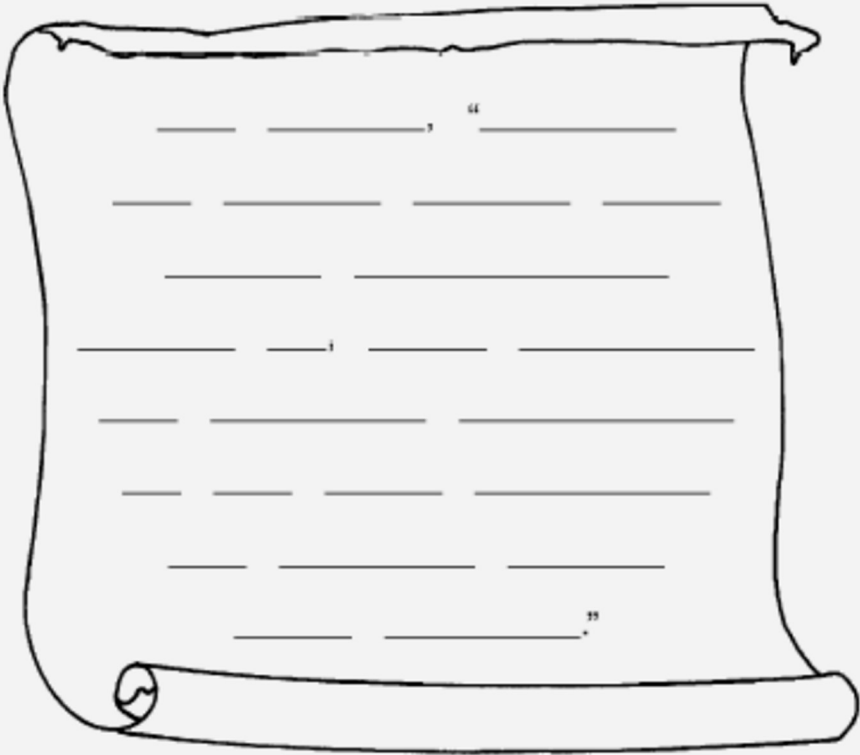
Sunday, Jan. 12

Sunday after Theophany  
Readings: Eph. 4:7-13; Lk. 4:12-17  
9:10 A.M. Third Hour;  
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy  
Supplications will be offered for+ Yuriy Hohosha (by Pyptyk’s)  
God’s blessing upon Maria Perkun, by Kathleen Shabla

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.

He <sup>1</sup>	than <sup>2</sup>	am <sup>3</sup>	said <sup>1</sup>	I <sup>2</sup>
not <sup>3</sup>	After <sup>1</sup>	the <sup>2</sup>	worthy <sup>3</sup>	me <sup>1</sup>
thongs <sup>2</sup>	to <sup>3</sup>	will <sup>1</sup>	of <sup>2</sup>	stoop <sup>3</sup>
come <sup>1</sup>	Whose <sup>2</sup>	down <sup>3</sup>	one <sup>1</sup>	sandals <sup>2</sup>
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### ***Theophany House Blessings***



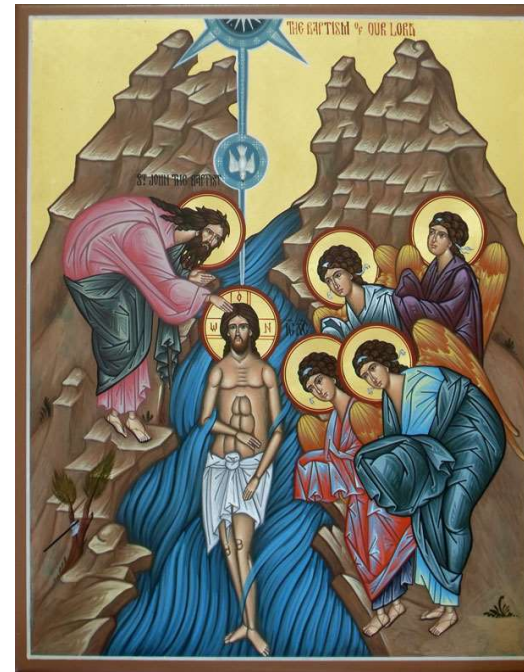
private places.

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 5, 2020**

**Sunday before Theophany,  
Tone 5; Theophany Eve; The  
Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and  
Theonas (284-305); the  
Venerable Syncletica**

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### **Announcements:**

#### **Feast of Theophany**

On Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. At St. John's parish, Divine Liturgy with a blessing of Water will be celebrated at 6:30pm on January 11, 2020. Please come!

#### **Ticket Sale: Christmas Dinner**

We start with the ticket sale for our Parish Christmas Dinner “*Προσφορά*” which will take place on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00 a.m. Tickets for this parish event are \$10.00 per adult, children (12 and younger) \$5.00, and will be available from our tickets sellers following the Divine Liturgy in the Church vestibule. Please mark your calendars for this happy event.

#### **Envelopes 2020-Calendars 2020**

We start the distribution of the Church offering envelopes for the year 2020 and the Church Calendar for 2020. They are available in the hallway off the Church vestibule. Sincere thanks to Thomas P. Kunsak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars for 2020. Should you not see your envelopes (or a mistake, or address change), please let Father Igor or Ms. Olga Perkun know, following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you all for your support and generosity throughout the year 2019. *Многая Літа!*

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

Next Sunday, January 19<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**

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.

### **Ukrainian Malanka (under new format)**

Our Ukrainian community will celebrate our 2020 Malanka on Saturday evening January 11, 2020 at the Ukrainian-American Citizens' Club in Carnegie. Doors and Ukrainian Kitchen will open at 7:00 PM. Dancing will begin at 8:30 PM until 12:30 AM to the sounds of Paul Hladio's Orkestra Zabava.

**100% profit will go toward the treatment and assistants of wounded Ukrainian Soldiers. Adults: \$45.00, Students: \$25, Children \$15.00**

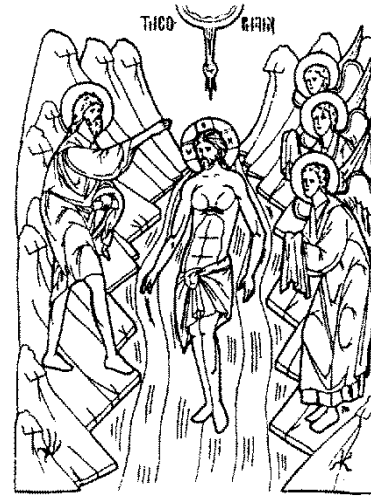
Deadline to register you pre-payment and to request you reserved table, is January 7, 2019. For Tickets/Table reservation please see George or Svitlana Honchar or call 412-215-3303

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

The grand total for Sunday of December 29, 2019 was **\$1,928.00**  
(Collection: \$1,240.00, loose & candles: \$32.00, Pyrohy: \$655.00)

The grand total for Christmas 2020 was **\$6,528.00**

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



### ***The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ***

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by St. John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine "those who sat in darkness," and "in the region of the shadow of death" (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of St. Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast. There is a third century dialogue about the services for Theophany between the holy martyr Hippolytus and St. Gregory the Wonderworker. In the following centuries, from the fourth to ninth century, all the great Fathers of the Church: Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, John of Damascus, commented on the Feast of Theophany. St. John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but "to bury human sin by water," to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify "the nature of water" and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Indivisible. The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).

- Translation by Fr. Stephen Janos from th Reference Book for Clergy – Server