



# Weekly Bulletin

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 6</b>	<i>32nd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 6 / Theophany of our Lord</i>	
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy      Coffee Hour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	<i>Afterfeast of Theophany</i>	
		4:00 pm	Bede / Christani Memorial
		5:30 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	<i>33rd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 7 / Afterfeast of Theophany</i>	
		Readings:	Eph 4:7-13      Matt 4:12-17
		9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy      Coffee Hour

**ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Dec 23**

Attendance: (Adults 120, Children 35)	155
Operating	\$7,818.00
OCA Assessments	15.00
Uganda Children	294.00
Charities	109.00
Flowers	50.00
IOCC	25.00
Maintenance	20.00
Icons	260.00

**ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Dec 25**

Attendance: (Adults 100, Children 35)	135
Operating	\$1,646.00
Maintenance	12.00

**ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Dec 30**

Attendance: (Adults 107, Children 40)	147
Operating	\$2,690.00
OCA Assessments	8.00
Uganda Children	34.00
Charities	39.00
Maintenance	12.00
Icons	22.00

**HOUSE BLESSING**

Please sign up on the easle in the foyer if you would like your house to be blessed. The schedule is arranged by areas and day time hours are available by calling the parish office at 946-9571.

**2019 PLANNING CALENDAR**

The new Planning Calendar for the Hall is posted in

the foyer. Please confirm your date with Fr Andrew and upon approval, list your name and time on your requested date.

**PRAYER CORNER + + + + +**

Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Kathy (Denise F's sis), John (Adam's nephew), Ted Geletka, Nina Stehnach (Fr's frnds), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Nancy, (Ruth B's frnd), Joella (Lu D's daughter) Lillian (Lu D's mom), Bradley (Tina C's son), suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Anniversaries:** Joe & Rosemary Bagley (1/6).

**Birthdays:** Katie Horabik, Katelyn Hasenohrl (1/6), Kevyn Roth (1/7), Tess Lannon, Stephanie Iorga (1/8), Michelle Ray, Tim Price (1/8), Danil (Bozhukov) Antonoff (1/10).

**Newborns:** Nicholas (Vytas & Inga), Emmett (Tom & Laura).

**Expecting:** Bobby & Juliana, David & Maria, Daniel & Danielle, Colin & Tamuna.

**Departed:** Mary Georges (12/31, Peter's mom), Olivia Hall (12/29, Dan R's niece), Greg Beskalo (12/22, Halligan friend).

**Newly Illumined:** Matthew, Melania, Mary, Naomi & Michael.

**Our Seminarian:** Deacon Brian Crivella & Family.

**Our Missionaries:** Peter & Sharon.

# The Lord's Epiphany in the Jordan

by Fr Thomas Hopko

Like the liturgical celebration of the Lord's Nativity, the festival of His Epiphany [Theophany] in the Jordan at the time of His baptism is inaugurated with a prefeast celebration of five days. And also like the services of the Nativity, many hymns of the Epiphany prefeast are patterned after those of the springtime Pascha of the Lord's death and resurrection. Once again just a few words in many of the songs are changed from those sung during Holy Week in order to glorify the present mystery.

Come, O faithful, Having enjoyed the Master's hospitality, The Banquet of Immortality in the lowly manger, Let us run to the Jordan, There to see a strange mystery, Revealing the Light from on high. (Compline, January 4)

The feast of Christ's Birth has passed; It shone more brightly than the sun. The day of His Epiphany is coming; That day will be even more radiant. There the shepherds gave glory with angels, Worshipping God made man. Here John's right hand will touch the Master As he cries out in fear: Sanctify both me and the waters, O Only Merciful One! (Matins, January 2)

The feast which passed was radiant, But the coming one is even more glorious! There the Magi worshipped the Savior; Here the servant baptizes the Master. There the shepherds saw

the Child and were amazed; Here the voice of the Father proclaims the only-begotten Son! (Vesper, January 4)

The word "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "appearance" ["theophany" means "manifestation of God"]. It is used for the event of Christ's baptism because it was in the Jordan, being baptized by John the Forerunner, that Jesus appeared to the world and manifested Himself as the Messiah, the Son of God, one of the Holy Trinity.

The Lord's first public appearance takes place at His baptism for very good reason. Baptism is the symbol of death and resurrection; Christ came to the earth in order to die and be raised. Baptism is a symbol of repentance of sin, and its forgiveness; Christ came as the Lamb of God who takes upon Himself the sin of the world in order to take it away. Baptism is a symbol of sanctification; Christ has come to sanctify the whole of creation. Baptism is a symbol, finally, of radical renewal. When one is baptized the old is over and the new has come. And Christ has appeared on earth to bring all things to an end, and to make all things new. The act of baptism, therefore, contains in symbol the entire mystery of Christ, the whole purpose of His coming.