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Sunday Before Theophany
Неділя перед Богоявленням

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: January 5—January 12

Sunday, January 5—Sunday before Theophany. Vigil of the Theophany. The Hieromartyr Theopemptus and the Holy Martyr Theonas (use handouts)

9:30 a.m.—Third Hour

10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Irene

Monday, January 6—The Theophany (use handouts)

7:00 p.m.—Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great

Great Blessing of Water and Mirovanie after Liturgy

Tuesday, January 7—Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John (363)

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 8—Postfestive Day of Theophany. Our Holy Father George the Chozebite

Thursday, January 9—Postfestive Day of Theophany. The Holy Martyr Polyeuctus

Friday, January 10—Postfestive Day of Theophany. St Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa

Saturday, January 11—Postfestive Day of Theophany. The Assembly of the Theodosius, Founder of the Common Life

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, January 12—Sunday After Theophany. (use handouts)

9:30 a.m.—Third Hour

10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Irene

Please re-submit names of people you wish to place on this list for 2020. Please contact Fr. Vasyl.

Please pray for founders, donors, benefactors, and decorators of our holy temple. Please pray also for necessitous, for downtrodden, for oppressed; and for those who are in doubt of faith. Please pray for those who have no one to pray for them, for aborted children, for mothers who have committed abortion. Pray for mothers who are planning to have an abortion, that the Lord will protect them from killing their children. Pray for those who have asked you to pray.

7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:
Eternal Light: The candle burns this week

For † Lawrence & Lucille Carich by Gregory Carich

December 29

Tithes: \$211.00
Attendance: 20

Dear Parishioners, today in the Parish Hall at 11:45 a.m. we have General Parish Meeting. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please plan attendance at our meeting. Thank you.

Thank you for your generous support and contributions to the Lord's Holy House.

Oregon March for Life
 Saturday, January 25, 2020
 2:30 PM 4:30 PM

Join hundreds of Oregonians at the steps of the Oregon Capitol in Salem, marking 47 years of nationally-legal abortion.

The band will begin playing at 2:15, with the speakers starting at 2:30 pm. The Oregon March for Life will begin immediately following. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Karen Gaffney. For more information visit ortl.org/march.

Tomorrow, Monday, January 6, we celebrate the feast of Theophany. It is an Obligation Day. Vigil of the Theophany, on Sunday, January 5, there is no strict fast, but some typicons prescribe abstinence from meat.

There will be Great Blessing of Water on the feast Day after the Divine Liturgies. Please bring a bottle with you so that you can take some of the Theophany water home.

The 2020 Byzantine Liturgical Wall Calendars are now available in the beck of the church. Please take one per family. A big thank you to Fr. Frank Knusel for sponsoring the calendars for us. May God bless you!

Year-End Contribution Acknowledgement: Please pick up your year-end contribution letter. Each donor has an envelope that contains this information. Check the table in the parish hall. If you don't see your name on an envelope, please see Fr. Vasyl. Thank you and God bless you.

Blessings of Homes 2020:
 It is time to sign up for house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed, please use the signup sheet in the hall to indicate the date and the time for your home blessing.

The fear of God illumines the soul, annihilates evil, weakens the passions, drives darkness from the soul and makes it pure. The fear of God is the summit of wisdom. Where it is not you will find nothing good. Whoever does not have the fear of God is open to diabolical falls. *St. Ephraim Syrian*

Aspects and Powers of Water
 By St. Cyril of Jerusalem - Catecheses, 9, 9ff. (PG33, 648)
 Who is the father of the rain? Who makes the drops of dew? Who holds the clouds together and prevents them pouring water on the earth? Sometimes he brings golden-lined clouds scurrying from the south. In some cases he lets them take a firm shape, in others he makes their form vary with every moment. They hold great quantities of water yet they do not break and they roam peacefully over the sky until he unleashes the winds on the world. Who crystallizes the water into ice? The ice seems hard as rock, yet it is water. On some occasions the water becomes snow and looks like wool. On other occasions again he uses it to scatter the fog like ashes. In spring the rock melts and runs down the slopes. Water always remains water yet it has many different powers. In vineyards water becomes 'wine to gladden the hearts of the people.' In the olive groves it becomes 'oil to make their faces shine.' And it also changes into 'bread to strengthen people's hearts,' [Ps. 104:15] and into fruit of every kind. In the face of all these marvels who can fail to adore their Creator?

2020 Online Educational offering
 This lesson will be offered as live webinar (without any charges)
 Please register at EasternCatholic.org/events

Baptized into Christ
The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God
Wednesdays January 8 and 15, & 22 at 5:00-6:00 pm PST