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SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Schedule of Services

January 2—January 9

Sunday, January 2—Sunday before Theophany
9:25 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors and for their relatives*

Wednesday, January 5—Vigil of Theophany
7:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great
Great Blessing of Water and Mirovanie after Liturgy

Thursday, January 6—The Theophany
OBLIGATION
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Great Blessing of Water and Mirovanie after Liturgy

Sunday, January 9—Sunday after Theophany
9:25 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors and for their relatives*



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

"Those who only hear about spiritual meditation and prayer and have no direct knowledge [experience] of it are like men blind from birth, who hear about the sunshine without ever knowing what it really is. Through this ignorance they lose many spiritual blessings, and are slow in arriving at the virtues which make for the fulfillment of God's good pleasure."

Blessed Theophan the Recluse



For health and salvation: Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, John and Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie

For repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Carol Pavlakovich

Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: "He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit." Answering God's call for your life is the way for us to genuinely respond to our baptism. Are you thinking about whether you may be called to ordination, consecrated or monastic life? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email:

vocations@ephx.org

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord - Thursday, January 6. It is an Obligation Feast.

Wednesday, January 5, is a day of Strict Fast. There will be Great Blessing of Water on Wednesday and Thursday after the Divine Liturgies.

Please bring a bottle with you so that you can take some of the Theophany water home.

Blessings of Homes 2022: 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 2022 Byzantine Liturgical Wall Calendars are now available on the table at the back of the church. Please take only one per family. May God bless you!

Aspects and Powers of Water

By St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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?

Thank you for your donation!



Pray for Vocation!



Everyone in the parish is invited to have this icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations. Please sign up on the sheet that you can find in our parish hall. If you would like to take the icon again, please feel free to do it. Please bring the Icon on the following Sunday and leave it on the Tetrapod for the next family. Thank you for your prayerful support to those who have recognized the calling of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you also for the intentional prayers for those who are on their way to hearing the voice of Christ.

Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy:

The History of the Ecumenical Councils

Rev. Christiaan Kappes, Ph.D., SLD

Wednesdays, January 12, 19 & 26, February 9 & 16

@ 8 PM ET/ 5 PM PT

<https://godwithusonline.org/events/orthodoxy-heterodoxy/>