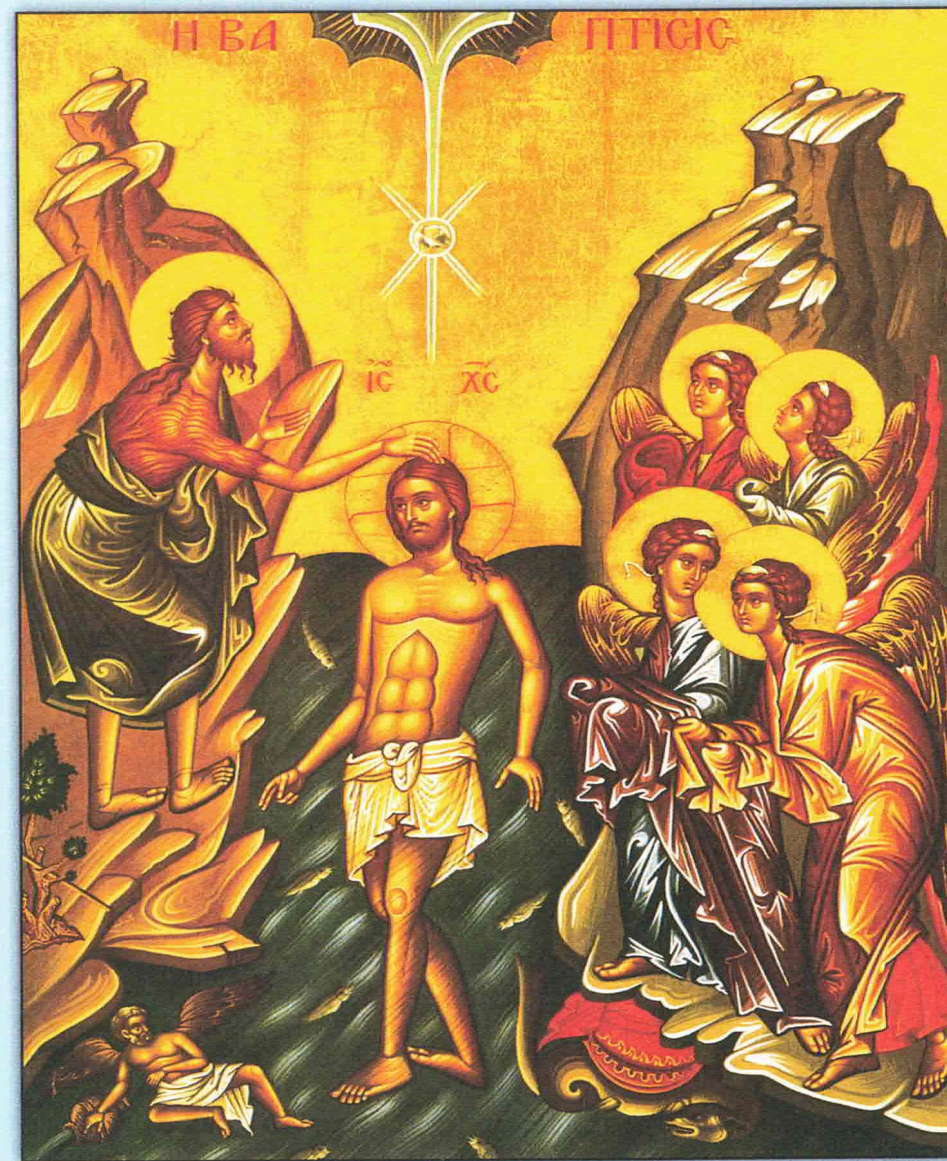


SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th

The Christ

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of "Christification", Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation

as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the "Christification" of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. "And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men" (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday Before Theophany 1.4.2026	8:45am	Great Blessing of the Waters Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For the Healing and Recovery of: Family Members & Friends of Patronage Church From: Maria Esquela
Theophany of Our Lord 1.6.2026	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For the Health and Salvation of Parishioners
Sunday After Theophany 1.11.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Health and Salvation of Parishioners

Sunday Before Theophany

The Propers for today can be found on the shelf in the Narthex.

HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion, or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email, and let us know, or contact either one personally.

Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan! Christos Krescajetsja! Vo Jordan!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Mary Hrinca, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, Natalie, Edin, +Walter Lourdes Najera Herder, Mark and Betsey Herder, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world. Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. Let us know if we need to remove or add a name by sending an email to our church.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

STEWARDSHIP: You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. An offertory basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website. **“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).**

THEOPHANY – GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS: The Holy Water from our church is given to the faithful to consume and to use in blessing their homes. Everyone is welcome to take home some blessed Holy Water after Divine Liturgy today. Holy Water bottles are available for purchase (price is marked on each), and are located in a basket under the Holy Water font. Cash or check will be accepted, and you can place it in the marked envelope in the basket. Thank you for your help!

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): ECF classes will take place after Divine Liturgy today.

PARISH SOCIALS: Please help support our socials – a donation basket can be found either on the counter where the coffee is served or on the table where the food is set out to help us continue self-funding these events. Due to limited supplies on hand weekly, drinks and food purchased for our socials are intended for those who attend them after Liturgy on Sundays. If you would like to donate any refreshments for our socials, please see either Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula. We also encourage everyone to help with the clean-up each week by making sure the tables and floor are free of crumbs and trash when you leave, along with assisting in washing and putting away any kitchen items that are used. Many thanks to those who support our socials by your generous donations!

2026 LITURGICAL CALENDAR: If you didn't get a chance to pick up our new calendar, they are available on the bookrack in the Narthex. Limited quantities are available, so, please take only one calendar per family. Thank you!

FREEZER SALE: We want to clear out our church freezer. Items for sale are: a variety of Pirohi at \$7/bag; smoked and fresh Kolbassi at \$6/bag, cheesecake (only 1 left) for \$15; and nut, poppy, and apricot Kolachi at \$16/each. Please see Mary Demyan after Liturgy if you are interested in purchasing any. Quantities are limited!

2026 PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE: Please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on January 22nd and 23rd, 2026. Bishop Kurt will celebrate the Byzantine Catholic Compline on January 22nd, at the Crypt Church, after the Holy Hour for Life. Bishop Kurt will also celebrate the Divine Liturgy for Life in the Byzantine Chapel on January 23rd, at 9:15am. More information to follow.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD ANNUAL PARISH POT-LUCK LUNCHEON:

Please join us for some parish fellowship next **Sunday, January 11th, following our 9:00am Divine Liturgy** for our annual Theophany pot-luck luncheon in our social hall. To ensure we have enough seating and food for everyone, please contact Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net) no later than today **Sunday, January 4th**, and let her know how many people from your family will be attending, and what dish you will be providing. Thank you for your help!

EASTERN CATHOLIC LIFE (ECL): We are currently updating our 2026 parish subscription list for the ECL. If you would like to either newly subscribe or renew your subscription to the ECL, please send the church an email, and let us know by today, **Sunday, January 4th**, so that we can send our list to the Eparchy of Passaic. The cost is \$20/year, and checks should be made payable to: Patronage Church (please mark on the memo of your check that this is for the ECL). Cash will also be accepted. Those that receive church envelopes, can find a pink ECL envelope in the packet you received in the mail.

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SOULS SATURDAYS: Every year, we request that parishioners submit a list of their departed loved ones called a "Hramoty," which is included in this bulletin. These lists will be put into a booklet, and the names will be mentioned at all of the services held for the deceased for "All Souls." More information will follow regarding the schedule for the "All Souls" services. **Forms need to be submitted no later than Sunday, January 25th.**

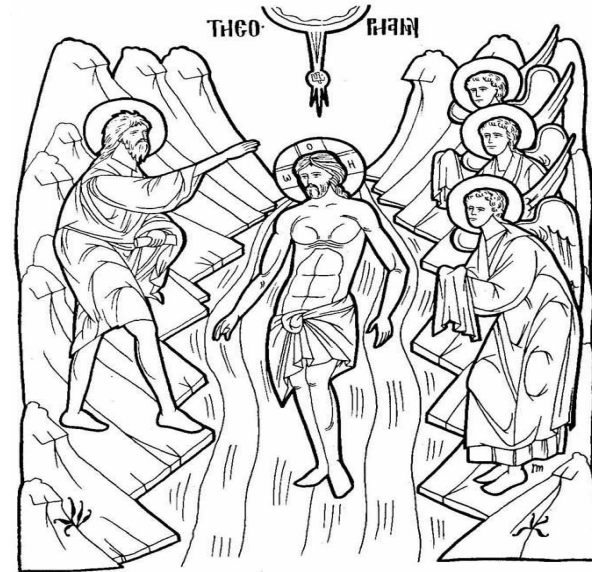
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Everyone who has donated to our church will be receiving a financial statement for the year 2025, by the end of January.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2026: If you do not have church envelopes, and would like to receive them, please send the church an email, and let us know. Envelopes are mailed out bi-monthly. If you are using Tithe.ly to make donations to our church and no longer need envelopes, please let us know, as well. Thank you for your assistance in helping us update our parish records!

PARISH CENSUS 2026: In order to maintain and keep current our church records and contact information, we are asking each household to complete a new parish census. The census form can be located on the shelf in the Narthex. **Please return your completed census no later than January 18th.** Thank you for your help!

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS: There are only 2 slots left for our Iconography Class scheduled for **February 27th, 28th, and March 1, 2026**, at Patronage Church. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kevin Ross (keviross@gmail.com), as soon as possible. The total cost for this Iconography class is \$250, with \$50 due immediately to hold your registration, and \$200 due on the date of the first class.

Children's Corner – Theophany of Our Lord



Please fill in the blanks using these words:

Holy Spirit pleased John the Baptist dove Son
Theophany River Jordan Baptism

The Feast of _____ of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated on January 6th. The Feast commemorates the _____ of Jesus by _____ in the _____.

When Jesus came up from the water, the _____ appeared in the form of a _____. When this happened, God the Father's voice came from heaven and said, "...*This is my beloved _____, with whom I am well _____*" (Matthew 3:17).

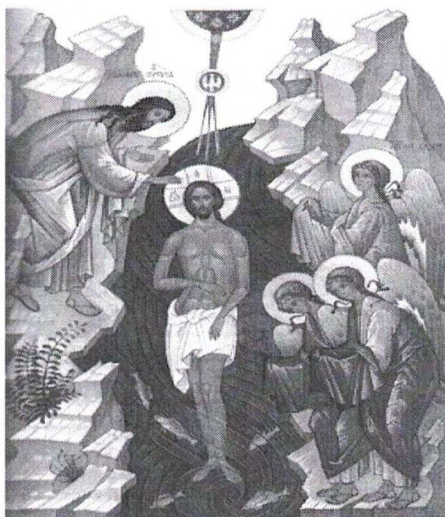
“THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES” PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM: By welcoming the icon into your home for one week, you become part of a powerful movement of prayer and discernment. Be a source of inspiration and grace in our parish community. Remember to bring the icon and prayer booklet to church the following week, and return it to Fr. Vasyl.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon; please DO NOT stick out your tongue. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good standing and prepared. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. ***If you want to make us your home church, registration is the OFFICIAL way to join our church.*** Simply complete a census form that is located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and either mail it to the church, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under “Stewardship” in this bulletin.

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).

Feast of Theophany (January 6th)

Blessing of Homes



“God our Savior, the True Light, Who was baptized in the Jordan by the Prophet John, and Who did deign to enter under the roof of Zacchaeus, bringing salvation unto him and unto his house: do You, the same Lord, keep safe also from harm those [of us] who dwell herein; grant to them Your blessing, purification and bodily health, and all petitions that are unto salvation and Life everlasting; for blessed are You, as also Your Father Who is from everlasting, and Your All Holy, Good and Life creating Spirit, both now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.”

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HRAMOTY
“All Souls” Services - 2026

*Please list the names of your deceased relatives and friends.
These names will be read during the Petitions of the Litany.
(Please print clearly!)*

Submitted By: _____

Names: _____

Donation \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to: Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon