

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



Icon of Saints Gregory and Dometian -- January 10th

January 10, 2010 Sunday after Theophany

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11 – JANUARY 17

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 – SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

❧❧ Remember in your prayers ❧❧



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Kimberly Hartman, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Lesya Loznycky, Alice Melnyk, Gregorio Ortiz Peña, Sophia Skop and Sonya Villa Señor. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.



If you want to cure your soul, you need four things. The first is to **forgive your enemies**. The second is to **confess thoroughly**. The third is to **blame yourself**. The fourth is to **resolve to sin no more**. If we wish to be saved, we must always blame ourselves and not attribute our wrong acts to others. And God, Who is most compassionate, will forgive us.

– St. Cosmas Aitolos

2010 Calendars still have not arrived. Hopefully they will come this week.

Remember Those In The Armed Forces

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed



Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl and Volodymyr Lylak, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.



Let's go Caroling!

Up until February 2 we will be organizing visits to our parishioners, shut-ins, and nursing homes. If you are interested in participating or you would like to be visited or you know of someone who would like to be visited, please contact Fr. James.

Многая Лѣта! Many Years!

Congratulations to Zenon and Susan Keske on the Baptism of their daughter Anna Sophia yesterday.

Дуже Дякую

The Ladies' Auxiliary has graciously donated \$1000.00 to the parish to help with expenses incurred due to the break-ins at the end of last year. *May God bless your generosity!*

"The Future Of Our Church Begins Today"

We are in the midst of St. Nicholas Eparchy's Ukrainian Catholic Appeal 2009-2010. Please receive this appeal warmly and kindly consider Bishop Richard's request. Our parish goal is \$5000.00. If each household were to donate 1% of its annual income or even \$250.00 we will be well on our way to achieving this goal.

House Blessings



It is the custom among many Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr. James.

ABOUT THE BAPTISM OF SAINT JOHN

Saint John the Baptist plays one of the most important roles in the history of salvation. He was a man of great fame for his asceticism, spiritual purity, and preaching, and this is witnessed to by the fact that "Jerusalem and all Judea went out to him, and all the region round about Jordan". But he is known primarily for his role as Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

As Forerunner, he:

- ❖ comes in the spirit of Elias (see below)
- ❖ preaches repentance for the coming Messiah
- ❖ calls for the bearing of fruit, warning that those who do not bear fruit will be "cut down and cast into the fire"
- ❖ fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah by serving as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" (Is. 40:3)
- ❖ fulfills the prophecy of Malachi, "Behold, I send My messenger (angel) before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee" (Mal. 3:1)

As Baptist, he:

- ❖ baptizes for the remission of sins (literally "to let go" of sins – Mark 1:4)
- ❖ points to one greater than he, Who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire
- ❖ after first hesitating, he baptizes the Lord, in order to "full all righteousness"

The ax is laid to the root of the trees: The axe means the judgment of Christ, and the trees stand for each one of us.



When asked who he was, St. John very clearly explained that he was not the Christ, but that that One was coming, "whose sandal strap he was not worthy to stoop down and loose" for the Christ would baptize not with water, but with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. Why did Christ say that St. John the Baptist came in the spirit of Elias?

A. The Prophet Elias, who ascended into heaven on a fiery chariot, was believed to come back to earth just before the coming of the Messiah. In Matthew 11:14, the Lord says that St. John is this Elias who was to come. Even in appearance St. John looked like Elias, as "John had his clothing of camel's hair and a leather girdle about his loins" (Matthew 3:4) and Elias "was a hairy man who wore a leathern belt around his loins." (2 Kings 1:8).



Святкуємо 50-років!

Celebrating 50 Years!

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Last Came the King

When God created the heavens and the earth, there still had not appeared in the visible world that great and important creature, the human being. It was not to be expected that the monarch should make an appearance in advance of his subjects. On the contrary, only when the kingdom had first been made ready was the king to appear who was to reign over it. So there arose first the continents, the islands, the sea, and spread like a roof over them, the vault of heaven.

Riches from every quarter were gathered into the royal palace. By riches I mean all created things, the trees, the plants, everything that has sight and breath and life. I should include in their number, also, the materials which have been counted valuable in people's eyes because of their beauty, namely gold, silver and the precious stones which people love. The abundance of all these God hid like royal treasure in the bowels of the earth.

Only after that did God make human beings appear on earth. He intended them to be able to admire the beauty of the creation and to be lords over it. They were to be able, through their enjoyment of created things, to comprehend the wisdom of their provider. By the size and the beauty of them, they were to fathom the greatness of their Creator, which is beyond description or understanding. That is why humankind was introduced last, after the rest of creation, not as some unimportant afterthought, but as a suitable sovereign over all that God had made.

From *The Creation of Man*, St. Gregory of Nyssa