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MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN THE JORDAN!
CHRISTOS KREŠČAJETSJA! VO JORDAN'!

THE SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY & THE SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS: Antiphons are from Theophany on pp. 145-146. Tropar for Tone 8 on p. 102. Tropar of Theophany on p. 146. GLORY.... NOW & EVER.... Kondak of Theophany on p. 146. Remaining Propers can be found on p. 150. Glorification & Irmos are from Theophany on p. 147. The Faithful will *venerate the Holy Cross* and be **sprinkled with the blessed Jordan Water** on this day.

EPISTLES: Ephesians 4:7-13 & I Timothy 4:9-15. **GOSPELS:** Matthew 4:12-17 & Luke 19:1-10.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

For the week of January 21:

Sat., January 27: (6:00 PM) Great Vespers for the *Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*. Propers for Tone 1 and the Publican and the Pharisee.

Sunday, January 28:
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

9:30 AM: Preparation Prayers for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the *Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee*. The *Lenten Triodion* begins. Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Tropar for Tone 1 on p. 81. Glory... Kondak of the Publican and Pharisee on p. 175. Now & ever... “Zastupnice.” Prokimen & Alleluia verses can be found on p. 83.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy & Blessed Birthday* to Teresa Zitterich. With love from the *Sniders*.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn with prayers for Laney & Anna Ross. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for *Special Intentions*. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

SHARE THE LIGHT SUNDAY. Since we had such a low attendance last Sunday due to the inclement weather, we would like to give you another opportunity **TODAY** to be a part of “*Share the Light Sunday*.” There will a *special collection* once again today to assist the *Orthodox Christian Network*. Please support this vital online ministry!

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES. Since we are now in the season when we are festively celebrating the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River by Saint John the Baptist and Forerunner, it behooves each of us to recall our own Baptisms, and to rededicate ourselves to following Christ our Savior more closely. In keeping with this theme of Baptism, we will renew our baptismal promises at the end of the announcements today. Special sheets for this renewal have been provided in the bulletin.

CREEK BLESSING. We will process solemnly to the bridge by the Post Office for the *Blessing of the Big Wheeling Creek* TODAY at the conclusion of services. Everyone is invited to join us! If you can’t walk down to the bridge for the Water Blessing, a limited amount of parking is available at the Post Office and the Barton Memorial.

TEACHERS’ MEETING. There will be a meeting of all church school teachers **TODAY**, after the services.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS are now free to a good home. If you would like to take a poinsettia or two (or more) home with you, please help yourself after Liturgy TODAY. We need to move the flowers out a little early this year because of the painting. The flowers are still in very good shape! *Please take!*

JORDAN WATER. After today, the blessed Jordan Water will be available at the baptismal font, which will be moved to the coatroom in the back of the church.

PAINTING of the church interior is scheduled to begin tomorrow. Please plan to stay after church **TODAY** to help remove icons and other appointments from the nave area.

HOUSE BLESSINGS. It is a good idea to have your home sanctified each and every year during the Theophany season, and Father Michael will be glad to bless the home of anyone who desires the blessing. We are asking everyone to *please call the rectory and schedule an appointment* if you would like to have your home blessed this year. Don’t put it off too long — make the call! The House Blessing season ends when Great Lent begins. **Great Lent begins on Monday, February 19** this year. Father Michael hopes to hear from you! You may also see Pan’i after Liturgy to make an appointment.

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming* Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 PM.

THE LADIES' ALTAR SOCIETY will have their monthly meeting *next Sunday, January 28* after the Divine Services.

OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS totaled \$3,365.00 this year. We offer our thanks and gratitude to all who gave so generously!

ALL SOULS' SATURDAY observances begin on Saturday, February 10. Please begin to update your list of departed family members and submit your list and donation to Father when you are finished. Special envelopes have been provided in today's bulletin for this purpose.

OUR SYMPATHY. We offer our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to parishioner Andy Zavatsky and the members of the Zavatsky family on the passing of +Audrey Zavatsky, who fell-asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. *"May her memory be eternal!"*

THE MYRRH-STREAMING "KARDIOTISSA" ICON from Taylor will be visiting *Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church* in Steubenville on Friday, March 23, 2018. More information will follow.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday Vespers (1/13) — 2
Sunday Divine Liturgy (1/14) — 50
Royal Hours for Theophany (1/17) — 3
Theophany Eve Vigil Service (1/18) — 18
Theophany Divine Liturgy (1/19) — 10
Synaxis of Saint John Divine Liturgy (1/20) — 14

"SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY" ACTIVITIES

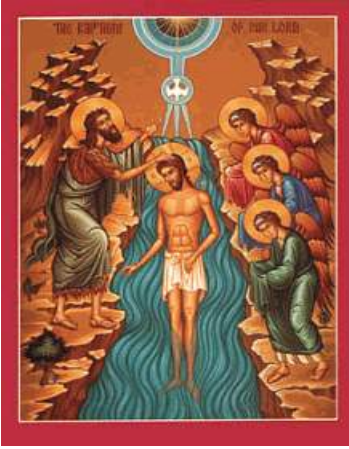
As in past years, our youth will be participating in "*Super Bowl Sunday*" on February 4, 2018 by collecting **money** and **non-perishable food items** at the door of the church, so please remember to come prepared! **Money** will be donated to International Orthodox Christian Charities to assist with various relief efforts throughout the world; and the **food** will be taken to a local food pantry.

THE TEACHING OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN REGARDS TO CREMATION

Various groups, instead of burial, prefer the cremation of the dead, which was customary among many ancient people. The Orthodox Church, mindful of the fact that the human body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, imitates the practice of the Lord in His earthly burial for the disposition of the bodies of its faithful believers. Believers do not deliberately destroy the body in life or in death. We imitate the practice of the martyrs, the saints and the Old Covenant Church. Consequently, cremation is contrary to the faith and tradition of our Church and is expressly forbidden to Orthodox believers. A church funeral is denied a person who has been or will be cremated. Requiem services afterwards are also forbidden....

— *Insights into Contemporary Moral Problems*
as found in the 2017 A.C.R.Y. Annual, p. 59.

HOW TO GET READY FOR THE THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



Those parishioners who invite Father to bless their homes this year should kindly note the following practical suggestions in preparing for the house blessing ceremony:

1. Place a white table cloth over your table. On the table should be a burning candle, an icon or cross, a *list of names* of those living in the house, a list of names of the departed, and any religious articles to be blessed. A bowl of blessed Jordan Water should also be ready on the table when Father comes.

2. Turn off the TV, stereo, radio, computer, etc. Please refrain from smoking. Secure all pets.

3. Everyone who is home when Father comes for the blessing should gather around the table for the blessing prayers. Service sheets will be provided so that you can follow along and participate. Invite friends or neighbors to come to your house and witness the beauty of this tradition.

4. One member of the family, if desired, may carry the burning candle and lead Father around the house to the various rooms to be blessed. Please indicate if you want Father to go upstairs, down to the basement or wherever.

5. Please turn on your porch light for any evening visits. Afternoons and weekdays are the best times for the blessing.

6. The ceremony of blessing is very simple and brief. It should take no more than 15 minutes per house. If you need to discuss a personal matter with Father, please schedule an appointment for another time.

**IF YOU WANT YOUR HOME TO BE BLESSED,
PLEASE LET FATHER OR PAN'I KNOW, OR
CALL AND SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT.**

Remember, inviting the priest to come and bless your home is an invitation to ask for the mercy of God upon the household. The sprinkling of the Holy Water is a sign of God's presence in the home as an extension of His Holy House, the Church. It is a time to renew our commitment to God as we begin another year in His mercy and love for mankind. It is a good idea to have your home blessed each and every year, and Father Michael will be glad to bless everyone's home. **Great Lent** will be starting on **Monday, February 19**, and all house blessings need to be completed by that date. Don't put this matter off. We are asking everyone to please call the rectory as soon as possible if you would like to have your home blessed this year. House Blessings begin **after** the Feast of the Holy Theophany on January 19. Please allow for changes due to Father's schedule or inclement weather. Father Michael hopes to hear from you!

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2018

The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!

REGISTER ONLINE STARTING MAR. 1, 2018!!!

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1 -- July 15 - 21, 2018

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Week 2 -- July 22 - July 28, 2018

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Week 3 -- July 29 - August 4, 2018

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Register Online Starting March 1, 2018

Register at – *campnazareth.org*

From the Home Page, From the 2018 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2018 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!!

(one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay by May 15, 2018!!!!

Online Registration MUST be complete AND payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.

Registrations after June 15 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

- ❑ When you register online please note that **you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical)** which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.
- ❑ **Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted.** Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.*