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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 19, 2020 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN THE JORDAN!
CHRISTOS KREŠČAJETSJA! VO JORDAN'!

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY THEOPHANY (THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD IN THE JORDAN RIVER): The Liturgy of **Saint Basil the Great** is served today. All Antiphons and Propers are from the feast and can be found on pp. 145-148. There will be *Veneration of the Cross and Sprinkling with the blessed Jordan Water* today.

EPISTLE: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7. **GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:13-17.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
For the week of January 19:

Mon., January 20: (9:00 AM) **Divine Liturgy** for the *Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist*. Antiphons are from Theophany on pp. 145-146. Remaining Propers are from the Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist on pp. 148-150. 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.

Sat., January 25: (6:00 PM) **Great Vespers** for the *Sunday after Theophany*. Propers for Tone 7 and the Postfeast.

**Sunday, January 26:
The Sunday after Theophany**

9:30 AM: **Preparation Prayers** for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the *Sunday after Theophany*. Antiphons are from Theophany on pp. 145-146. Tropar for Tone 7 on p. 99. 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.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns *in memory* of +**Michael James Ross**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

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. There will a *special collection* TODAY to assist this vital national Orthodox internet outreach ministry. Please help!

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES. Since we are now 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.

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. *Please take!*

CREEK BLESSING. There will be a **Solemn Procession** to the bridge by the Post Office for the *Blessing of the Big Wheeling Creek* TODAY, after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

OUR THANKS & GRATITUDE to all those who stayed after the Holy Day Liturgy last Tuesday January 14 to help to “undecorate” the church. *God bless!*

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming* Thursday, January 23 at 6:30 PM in the church basement.

THE LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY will be holding their monthly meeting *next* Sunday, January 26, 2020 and would like to welcome new members. Anyone who would like to join our organization is encouraged to attend or see one of our officers: *Heather Foster, Joni Turner or Julia Schaffer*. The membership fee is \$5 per year and meetings are held monthly.

HOUSE BLESSINGS. It is a good idea to have your home blessed each and every year in conjunction with the Feast of the Holy Theophany, and Father Michael will be glad to bless everyone’s home. Please begin thinking *now* about scheduling your house blessing appointment. We are asking everyone to *please contact* Father or Pan’i if you would like to have your home blessed. House Blessings will commence *after* the Feast of Theophany on January 19.

“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY” ACTIVITIES. As in past years, our youth will be participating in *”Souper Bowl Sunday”* on February 2 by collecting **money** and **non-perishable food items** at the door of the church, so please remember to come prepared!

HOLY WATER BOTTLES. If you need a new Holy Water Bottle for your blessed Jordan Water, the bookstore has a range of Holy Water Bottles available for purchase starting at **\$2.00**.

HOUSE OF HAGAR is particularly in need of *hats, gloves and scarves* during the cold-weather months.

SUGGESTION BOX. A suggestion box is now located in the back room of the Church. Please use it to submit ideas that you think would be helpful for the good of our Saint Nicholas parish. Suggestions will be reviewed monthly by the Parish Council.

A **FREE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE** on “**Orthodox Parenting**” will be presented via internet on **Saturday, February 8, 2020** from **12 Noon - 4 PM EST**. Each speaker will present his material for a half hour. For more information, and a list of speakers and topics, please visit: WWW.ORTHODOXPARENTING.COM

THE CHURCH MESSENGER. Each household should be receiving a copy of our monthly Diocesan newspaper, *The Church Messenger*. If you are not receiving a copy, or if you are receiving multiple copies, please let **Pan’i** know, so that the situation can be corrected. Thank you for your cooperation!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday Vespers (1/11) — **4**
Sunday Liturgy (1/12) — **70**
Circumcision/St. Basil Vespers (1/13) — **9**
Circumcision/St. Basil Liturgy (1/14) — **14**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2020

Please mark your calendars now!

Sunday, February 2 – Souper Bowl Sunday (Zacchaeus Sunday).

Saturday, February 22 – First All Souls Saturday.

Monday, March 2 – Great Lent Begins.

Saturday, March 14 – Second All Souls Saturday.

Saturday, March 21 – Third All Souls Saturday.

Sunday, March 22 – Cross Veneration Sunday – Lenten Mission @ 4 PM.

Saturday, March 28 – Fourth All Souls Saturday.

Sunday, April 12 – Palm Sunday.

Monday, April 13 thru **Saturday, April 18** – Holy Week.

Sunday, April 19 – HOLY PASCHA.

Sunday, May 10 – Mother’s Day.

Tuesday, May 12 thru **Thursday, May 14** – Senior Retreat at Camp Nazareth.

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day.

Thursday, May 28 – Ascension.
