

**Christ is Baptized
in the Jordan!**

**St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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**Glorify
Him!**

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10 JANUARY 2016/7524: Sunday after Theophany

Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa. The Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melitene.

Our Venerable Father Marcion, Priest and Treasurer of the Great Church.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Jan. 09 **17:00 Vigil of the Sunday after Theophany.** Suffrages for + **Irene Strosko** – *Father*.
- Sun. Jan. 10 **10:30 The Sunday after Theophany.** Suffrages *pro populo*.
- Sat. Jan. 16 **17:00 Vigil of the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.** Suffrages for + **Ignatius Papier** – *Family*.
- Sun. Jan. 17 **10:30 The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.** Suffrages *pro populo*; + for Theodore-James Krisner – *parents*; + for Mary Ann – *Patricia Krisner*

Acolytes

Lectors

Ushers

Sat. Jan. 09	-----	M. Harhai	D. Mihalko, J. Kontir
Sun. Jan. 10	Ruggieri & Syphans	S. Vacha	J. Overdorff, R. Knouse
Sat. Jan. 16	-----	J. Kontir	D. Mihalko, J. Snitzer
Sun. Jan. 17	E. R. A. Hess	B. Chirdon	J. Knouse, R. Garber

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Collection

Adult: \$1700

Christmas: \$100

Student: \$7

Total: \$1862

Candles: \$55

Attendance: Saturday: 26 + 1 Sunday: 35 + 9 Theophany Eve: 41+3
Theophany Day: 6+9

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The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Theophany is Thursday, 14 January. Let us continue our celebration of this most solemn feast by meditating on some of the verses from the rite for the blessing of the Jordan Water.

TODAY is the time of feasting, and the ranks of saints and angels have joined us in celebration; **TODAY** the grace of the all-holy Spirit in the likeness of a dove comes down upon the waters; **TODAY** shines the Sun that never sets, and the world sparkles with the light of the Lord! **TODAY** the moon is bright, together with the earth in the glowing radiance of its beams; **TODAY** the brilliant stars adorn the universe with the splendor of their twinkling; **TODAY** the clouds from heaven shed upon the human race a shower of justice; **TODAY** the Uncreated One willingly permits the hands of His creatures to be laid upon Him; **TODAY** the Prophet and Forerunner approaches the Lord and, standing before Him in awe, witnesses the condescension of God towards us; **TODAY** through the presence of the Lord, the waters of the river Jordan are changed into remedies; **TODAY** the whole universe is refreshed with mystical streams; **TODAY** the sins of the human race are blotted out by the waters of the river Jordan; **TODAY** paradise has been opened to all, and the Sun of Righteousness has shone upon us; **TODAY**, at the hands of Moses, the bitter water is changed into sweetness by the presence of the Lord! **TODAY** we are delivered from the ancient mourning, and like a new Israel, we are saved; **TODAY** we are delivered from darkness, and, through the light of the knowledge of God, we are illumined; **TODAY** the darkness of the world vanishes with the appearing of our God; **TODAY** the whole creation is brightened from on high; **TODAY** errors are destroyed and a way of salvation is prepared for us by the coming of the Lord; **TODAY** the inhabitants of heaven rejoice with those of the earth; and the inhabitants of earth with those of heaven; **TODAY** the noble and eloquent assembly of the faithful rejoices; **TODAY** the Lord comes to be baptized, so that the human race may be lifted up; **TODAY** the One Who never has to bow, inclines Himself before His servant, so that He may release our chains; **TODAY** we have acquired the kingdom of heaven; indeed, the kingdom of heaven that has no end. **TODAY** land and sea share in the joy of the world, and the world is filled with rejoicing. The waters beheld You, O Lord; the waters beheld You and they trembled. **THE RIVER JORDAN** turns back on its course as it beholds the fire of the Godhead coming down upon it and entering it in the flesh. **THE RIVER JORDAN** turns back in its course as it beholds the Holy Spirit descending in the

likeness of a dove, and hovering over You. **THE RIVER JORDAN** turns back in its course as it beholds the Invisible made visible, the Creator existing in the flesh, and the Master in the likeness of a servant. **THE RIVER JORDAN** turns back in its course, and the mountains leap for joy as they behold God in the flesh.

Next Sunday's Readings: Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Epistle, 2nd Timothy 3: 10 – 15 *Paul's last charge to Timothy*

Gospel, Luke 18: 10 – 14 *The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector*

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~ **Announcements** ~

- **2015 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** must be turned in by **Sunday, 17 January!**
- **BCW Subscription.** Make check for \$14 payable to **Byzantine Catholic World**. In a clearly marked envelope, place it in the offertory basket or give it to Father.
- A most generous donation was received this week for the care of our cemetery. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the health and salvation of the donors.
- **FIRST ALL SOULS' SATURDAY is 30 January.** The Divine Liturgy for all the Faithful departed throughout time will be served at 9:30 followed by Panachida with Kollyva for the Faithful departed from our parish, especially those who fell asleep in the Lord in 2015. Turn in names ASAP.
- **MEAGER MEAL + FORGIVENESS VESPERS: Sunday, 7 February** after the Divine Liturgy. **CLEAN MONDAY**, 8 February, is a day of **strict fast**. The *Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* will be served at 19:00 on Clean Monday and on all Wednesdays during the Great Fast.

