



**Christ is Baptized
in the Jordan!**

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

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3 JANUARY 2016/7524: Sunday before Theophany

The Holy Prophet Malachi, The Holy Martyr Gordius, Venerable Geneviève of Paris

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Jan. 02 **17:00 Vigil of the Sunday before Theophany.** Suffrages for + **Maryann S. Krynicky** – *anonymous*.
- Sun. Jan. 03 **10:30 The Sunday before Theophany.** Suffrages for + **George & Agnes Rusinko, and George Rusinko** – *Aimee & Michael Kakos*; Suffrages **pro populo**.
- Tues. Jan. 05 **19:00 Vigil Divine Liturgy of Theophany w/ Great Blessing of the Jordan Water.** *Mirovanije*. Suffrages for + **George and Agnes Rusinko, and George Rusinko** – *Aimee & Michael Kakos*.

OBLIGATION

- Wed. Jan. 06 **9:30 Divine Liturgy of Theophany.** *Mirovanije*. **OBLIGATION**
 - 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**.
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| | Acolytes | Lectors | Ushers | |
| Sat. Jan. 02 | ----- | J. Krynicky | J. Kontir, J. Snitzer | |
| Sun. Jan. 03 | E. R. A. Hess | O. Syphan | J. Knouse, G. Krynicky | |
| Tues. Jan. 05 | M. & T. Syphan | A & O Syphan | Any two present | |
| Wed. Jan. 06 | ----- | J. Krynicky | Any two present | |
| Sat. Jan. 09 | ----- | M. Harhai | D. Milhalko, J. Kontir | |
| Sun. Jan. 10 | M. & T. Syphan | S. Vacha | J. Overdorff, R. Knouse | |

12/24 -25/15	Christmas: \$2600		
12/27/15	Adult: \$1877	Student: \$8	Candles: \$68
Collection	Christmas: \$400	Total: \$2353	
Attendance:	Saturday: 24 + 1	Sunday: 43 + 3	



«**Mirovanije**» is a remnant of two distinct practices of ancient times, the all-night vigils held in the church and the lighting of the oil lamps in front of the icon of the Feast. A detailed article on this may be located at

<http://www.ewtn.com/v/experts/showmessage.asp?number=343075>

THE SPIRIT OF GOD DESCENDING LIKE A DOVE AT THE THEOPHANY: FOWL AS SACRIFICE. RABBI HERTZ: «The dove is the most inoffensive of birds; and, though attacked by other birds, it never attacks in return. It is a symbol of Israel, say the Rabbis; and teaches the offerer that he should rather be of the persecuted than of those that persecute.» COMMENTARY ON LEVITICUS 1:14. **THE ABSENCE OF GALL. TERTULLIAN:** The Holy Spirit came in the form of a dove in order that the nature of the Holy Spirit might be made plain by means of a creature of utter simplicity and innocence. For the dove's body has no gall in it. So after the Deluge [Flood], by which the iniquity of the old world was purged away, after, so to speak, the baptism of the world, the dove as herald proclaimed to the earth the tempering of the wrath of heaven—sent forth from the ark and returning with an olive branch, which is a sign of peace among the nations. **ON BAPTISM 8. A STRANGER TO MALICE. BEDE:** The image of

a dove is placed before us by God so that we may learn the simplicity favored by Him. So let us meditate on the nature of the dove, that from each one of its features of innocence we may learn the principles of a more becoming life. The dove is a stranger to malice. So may all bitterness, anger and indignation be taken away from us, together with all malice. The dove injures nothing with its mouth or talons, nor does it nourish itself or its young on tiny mice or grubs, as do almost all smaller birds. Let us see that our teeth are not weapons and arrows. **HOMILIES ON THE GOSPELS 1.12.**

Next Sunday's Readings: Sunday after Theophany

Epistle, Ephesians 4: 7-13 *Maturity in Christ*

Gospel, Matthew 4: 12-17 *The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry*



~ Announcements ~

- Please turn in all **2015 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** as soon as possible.
- **Tuesday – 5 January – is a «Day of Strict Fast».**
- **BCW to adopt monthly Publication.** The new subscription price is **\$14**, and will take effect with the July 2016 issue. To those who wish to continue their current subscription and to any new subscribers, make your check payable to **Byzantine Catholic World**. Putting it in a clearly marked envelope, place it in the offertory basket or give it to Father.
- **Metropolitan Cantor Institute 2016 Offerings:** Three online courses will be open for free to anyone in the Byzantine Catholic Church: “*Becoming a Cantor*”, “*Becoming a Reader*”, and “*History of Prostopinije*” [Rusyn chant]. Anyone who wants to take further courses will be able to register for the full online program.