

Christ is baptized in the Jordan
Христос крестается в Иордане!!
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Confessions:
 Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
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 or by appointment

Glorify Him!
Славите Его!
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05 January 2014: Sunday before Theophany

*Vigil of the Theophany. The Holy Martyrs Theopempt and Theona.
 Our Venerable Mother Syncretica. The Holy Prophet Micah.*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 04 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil** + Michael & Anna Brehun by Mary Lezo
 Sun. Jan. 05 **10:30 AM: Sunday before Theophany: pro populo**
Memorial Service: Peter P. Shultz – 40th day
7:00 PM: Vigil-Divine Liturgy of Theophany; Great blessing of Water; Mirovanije. Holy Day of OBLIGATION
+ George & Agnes Rusinko requested by Michael & Aimée Kakos
 Mon. Jan. 06 **9:30 AM: Theophany of Our Lord: OBLIGATION:** w/Mirovanije
Health of Jessica & Christopher Davis requested by Mom & Dad
 Sat. Jan. 11 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Rose Olenchock requested by St. Mary Rosary Society
 Sun. Jan. 12 **10:30 AM: Sunday after Theophany: pro populo**

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat. Jan. 04	-----	D. Cholock	J. Kontir, D. Mihalko	
Sun. (AM) Jan. 05	R. & E. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, J. Knouse	
Sun. (PM) Jan. 05	Any Present	To Be Contacted	---Any 2 Present---	
Mon. Jan. 06	Any Present	M. Hulyk	---Any 2 Present---	
Sat. Jan. 11	-----	L. Knouse	J. Snitzer, R. Garber	
Sun. Jan. 12	-----	S. Vacha	G. Krynicki, J. Overdorff	

12/29/13 Collection: Adult \$915; Student \$08; Candles \$130; Fuel Oil \$20;
 Christmas: \$50; **Total: \$1123**

✠ **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 IMAGE OF INNOCENCE. ORIGEN:** A dove—a tame, innocent and simple bird. Hence we are taught to copy the innocence of doves. HOMILIES ON LUKE, HOMILY 27. **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.

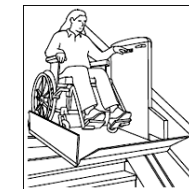
Next Sunday's Readings ~ Sunday after Theophany

Epistle, Ephesians 4: 7-13 *Maturity in Christ*
Gospel, Matthew 4: 12-17 *The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry*



~ Announcements ~

- **CNEWA UPDATE from Msgr. John E. Kozar:** Over the summer of 2013, supporters of CNEWA – such as St. Mary parish – were notified about an alarming threat to Christian orphans in the Middle East. Msgr. Kozar, president of CNEWA, has written with the following good news!!! Though he still cannot reveal the place where the government seizes Christian orphans and forces them to be raised as Muslims and where it is a crime to return to the Christian faith, he is pleased to announce that «**319 Christian orphans are free to grow in Christ**» because of **our parish's generous prayers and financial support.**
- **VOLUNTEERS!!!** A small committee of 3-4 individuals is needed to research the possibility of installing an **OUTDOOR STAIR LIFT** to aid parishioners who have difficulty climbing the steps in front of the Church. Do we want a chair lift only or one that would accommodate a wheel chair? What can we afford? The committee will present their recommendations to Father. If interested in serving, please speak to Father after the Liturgy, call or email the parish office.
- **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE:** along the same lines as the outdoor stair lift, periodically suggestions have been made to make pew seating more handicap friendly by allowing more space b/w pews so that those with canes, walkers, wheel chairs can maneuver more easily. Many of our churches have a designated area – usually the first pew closest to the Iconostasis – that is so designed. It will also more easily allow the priest to bring Holy Communion to them. What are your thoughts?
- **2013 ENVELOPES!!** Please turn in your **2013 offertory envelopes ASAP** so that you may be given credit on your contribution forms. Please make sure that you **ALWAYS** mark your envelope as to the amount of your donation.



- **BCW REMINDER:** it is time to once again renew subscriptions to *Byzantine Catholic World*. Please turn in your \$12.00 remittance ASAP to the parish office, either cash or check made payable to “St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church.” Please let us know of any corrections to the spelling of names and/or changes in address. If you do not presently subscribe to our archeparchy’s newspaper and wish to do so, also follow the above directions.
- **ECF CLASSES** begin on **19 January 2014**.



January Birthdays
*We wish the following parishioners
 many blessings on their birthday.*



Remember them in your prayers on their special day.

01—Kathy Osif	13—Chris Davis	22—Michael Skapura
06—Ron Garber	19—James Gonofsky	22—Adam Hess
12—Jim Basinger	20—Daniel Hess	22—Edmund Davis
12—Walter Furwa	21—Patrick Mott	22—Jennie Gulisek
12—Bob Knouse	21—John Kernicky	26—Mary Catherine Ross

Happy Birthday!