

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glorify forever!
Слава на вики!

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6 January 2013

Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 05 **5:00 PM: Vigil-Divine Liturgy of the Theophany of Our Lord:**
+Richard Spirko requested by Joan & Ed Boytim w/ Mirovanije

Sun. Jan. 06 **10:30 AM: Theophany of Our Lord: pro populo** w/ Mirovanije

Sat. Jan. 12 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Anthony Giacobbi requested by Martin, Dorothy, & Tina Osif

Sun. Jan. 13 **10:30 AM: Sunday after Theophany: pro populo**

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>		
Sat. Jan. 05	M. Mihalko	Hulyk, Maxwell, Kontir	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko		
Sun. Jan. 06	R. & E. Hess	J. Hess	D. Cianciotti, G. Krynicki		
Sat. Jan. 12	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	J. Kontir, R. Garber		
Sun. Jan. 13	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	J. Overdorff, W. Furwa		

Collection: 12/30/12: Adult \$545; Candles \$40; Student \$4; Fuel \$20; Christmas \$105;
Total: \$714 .00.

The rite of Mirovanije is being restored to its proper place in the Liturgy as specified in the Metropolia's Typikon: **Ambon prayer, MIROVANIJE, Final Blessing, Dismissal.** This means that after having been anointed and partaken of the blessed bread, **RETURN TO YOUR PEW** for the final blessing and dismissal.



The Importance of Sunday: the joint statement recently issued by the North American Orthodox – Catholic Theological Consultation and that was distributed at the Christmas Services offers Christians much food for thought. More than once does it make reference to an *Apostolic Letter* entitled *Dies Domini* – The Lord's Day written in 1998 by Pope John Paul II. This is a rather lengthy document; a copy of which is available on our parish website if you are interested in the Holy Father's thoughts in more detail.

I think of You from the country of Jordan and Mount Hermon

Radiant was the feast that has just passed; but more brilliant, O Savior, is the one approaching. The first had an angel as a herald; this one has John the Forerunner. The first had blood spilled and had Bethlehem lament as one who was childless; the second has blessed waters recognized to be a bath having many children. Before, the star proclaimed to the Magi; now the Father shows You to the world, that You are incarnate and are openly coming again. O Lord, glory be to You!

The waters saw You, O God; the waters saw You and trembled.

Resplendent is the feast which has passed; but more glorious is the present day. On that day the Magi adored the Savior; on this, the glorious servant baptizes the Master. There, the shepherds sang in amazement; here, the voice of the Father proclaims Him to be the Only-begotten Son.

Aposticha from the prefeast of the Theophany

As the prophet foretold, a **great Light**, Christ, has shone upon Galilee of the Gentiles, upon the land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephtali. A people living in darkness have seen a **great light** shining from Bethlehem. The **Sun of Righteousness**, the Lord born of Mary, **casts His rays** upon all those who dwell on the earth. Come then, O naked children of Adam, and let us clothe ourselves in Him that we may warm ourselves. For the **Light** that no one can approach, the One Who is a protection and a mantle for the naked, the **Light** of those in darkness has appeared and revealed Himself today.

Ikos of Matins on Holy Theophany



~ Announcements ~

- **Thank you** to all who kindly and generously remembered me with cards, well wishes, home-baked delicacies of all sorts, and gifts during these holy and blessed days of Christmas. May this even greater Feast of Lights warm your hearts during this sacred season and throughout the New Year. *Christ is baptized in the Jordan! Glorify Him!* Father Paul-Alexander
- The January issue of «**THEOSIS**» has arrived and is in your envelope in the Narthex. Please remember to leave the envelope in the little box.
- **ECF Classes resume on January 20, 2013.**
- **2012 ENVELOPES!!** Kindly turn in your **2012 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.
- **The First All Souls' Saturday is transferred to January 26th this year because the Feast of the Encounter, 2 February, is on that Saturday. Please use your envelope marked All Souls – February 3 and turn in the list of your beloved departed so that they may be remembered in the 9:30 am Divine Liturgy that day.**



- **Thank you** to **Barbara Chirdon & Mary Ann Kontir** for donating baked goods to our Friday bingo.
- *January Birthday Prayers and Wishes to the following parishioners who were inadvertently omitted from last week's list. **Kaitlyn Woodring** – Jan. 10 and **Jim Basinger** – Jan. 12.*
- **BCW REMINDER:** for those of you subscribing to the **Byzantine Catholic World**, it is time to once again renew your subscriptions. 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 inform us of any corrections that need to be made 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, just follow the above directions.

