

Christ is baptized in the Jordan!
Христос крестается в Иордане!

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Glorify Him!
Славите!

11 January 2015: Sunday after Theophany

Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of Cenobitic Monastic Life

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat.	Jan.	10	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil + <i>Anthony Giacobbi</i> by <i>Charlette Kesler</i> Memorial Service w/ Kolyva for Kathleen Snitzer, 9 th day
Sun.	Jan.	11	10:30 AM: Sunday after Theophany: <i>pro populo Dei</i>
Sat.	Jan.	17	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil + <i>William Lipko</i> by <i>Mary Catherine Ross</i> Memorial Service w/ Kolyva for Michael Brehun, 1 st year anniversary
Sun.	Jan.	18	10:30 AM: Sunday before Theophany: <i>pro populo Dei</i>

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat. Jan. 10	-----	L. Knouse	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun. Jan. 11	Ruggieri, Syphans	S. Vacha	R. Garber, J. Overdorff
Sat. Jan. 17	-----	J. Kontir	R. Garber, J. Snitzer
Sun. Jan. 18	Hess brothers	G. Krynicki	R. & J. Knouse

1 / 4 / 15	Adult: \$1870.00	Initial Off: \$66.00;	Cemetery: \$3000.00
Collection:	Candles: \$57.00	Student: \$9.00;	Total: \$5002.00
Attendance:	Saturday: 26	Sunday: 42	Total: 68 + 11 Visitors

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CONFIRMING JOHN'S TEACHING. **ANONYMOUS:** From the time when John was delivered, Jesus began to preach. For if He had begun to preach while John was alive, doubtless He would have belittled John, and John's preaching would have been considered superfluous compared with that of Jesus—as the light that rises at the same time with the lamplighter overshadows the lamplighter's grace. How wisely then did He begin preaching as John was accustomed to preach: «*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*» His intention was not to trample on John's teaching but to confirm it all the more. For if He were to preach while John was still teaching, He might seem to be intruding on John's mission. But now, with John confined, He takes up John's teaching. There is no trampling, but confirmation. He confirmed John's teaching, that He might point him out as a true witness. INCOMPLETE WORK ON MATTHEW, HOMILY 6

THE CALL TO REPENTANCE. **CHROMATIUS:** The voice of the Lord urging the people to repentance—the Holy Spirit made it known to the people that they might take heed, saying, «*Today, when you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, as in the day of testing in the wilderness.*» In the same psalm above, He made clear

that He was urging the sinful people to repentance and showed the state of a repentant soul, saying, «*Come, let us fall down before Him and lament before the Lord Who made us, for He is our God.*» The Lord urges the people to repentance, and He promises to pardon their sins, according to Isaiah's words: «*I, even I, am the one who wipes out your iniquities, and I will not be mindful of your sins. But you be mindful, declare first your iniquities that you may be justified.*» Rightly then does the Lord urge the people to repentance when He says, «*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,*» so that through this confession of sins they may be made worthy to approach the kingdom of heaven. For no one can receive the grace of the heavenly God unless one has been cleansed of every stain of sin by the confession of repentance, through the gift of the saving baptism of our Lord and Savior. TRACTATE ON MATTHEW 15.3

~ Liturgical Reminders at the Start of a New Calendar Year ~

- ❑ The Narthex is sacred space and is **NOT** to be used as a social area **before** and especially **during** the Divine Liturgy.
- ❑ The icon on the Tetrapod is to be venerated with a bow, sign of the cross, and kiss upon entering and exiting the nave.
- ❑ If physically possible, one should remain standing during the distribution of the Divine Eucharist until everyone has received, then it is proper to sit down.

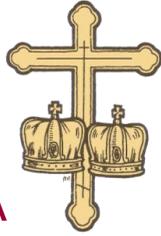
Next Sunday's Readings ~ Sunday of Zacchæus
Epistle, 1st Timothy 4: 9 – 15 *A Good Servant of Christ Jesus*
Gospel, Luke 19: 1 – 10 *Jesus and Zacchæus*



~ Announcements ~

- **2014 CONTRIBUTION FORMS** are being prepared. Turn in any 2014 offertory envelopes ASAP so that you may receive proper credit. **ALWAYS** make sure to mark your envelope as to the amount of your donation.
- **ECF classes** resume **NEXT** Sunday, 18 January.
- **CEMETERY GIFT:** the parish is most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kakos who so generously donated three thousand dollars to be used for the maintenance of our church's cemetery.
- It is time to **renew subscriptions to Byzantine Catholic World.** Please turn in your \$12.00 subscription fee to the parish office, either in cash or by check made payable to *St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church.* Inform the office of any corrections to the spelling of names and/or changes in address. Those wishing to begin a subscription to our archeparchy's newspaper, please follow the same directions.
- **THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE** will make an official report to the parish at the end of the month. Stay tuned for some exciting information on our success thus far!!!

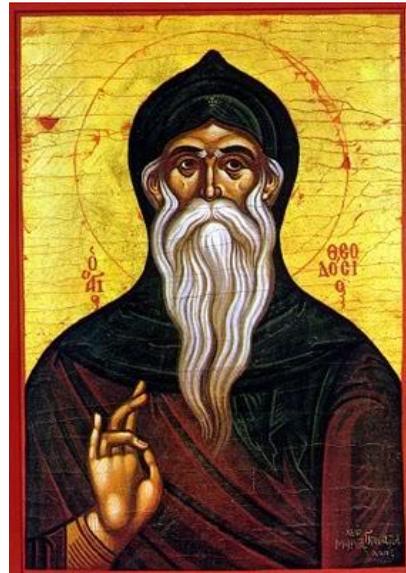
- **FORGIVENESS VESPERS** will be served at **16:00 on Sunday, 15 February** followed by a meager meal in the Church basement. The **GREAT FAST** begins with **Clean Monday, 16 February**, a day of strict fast. The **Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served on **Wednesdays at 19:00**.
- **BETHLEN COMMUNITIES** of Ligonier is having an informational session open to the public on **Monday, 19 January at 14:00** in their Heritage Center located at 135 Kalassay Drive in Ligonier. The guest speaker will inform the public of ways the *Veterans Affairs Office* can financially help veterans and their spouses. This organization also is in need of **hospice volunteers**. See posters in Narthex.
- All couples planning to enter into a **sacramental marriage** through the celebration of the **Mystery of Crowning in 2015** are required to attend the Pre-Cana Program sponsored by the Archeparchy's Office of Religious Education. This is only offered ONCE a year. The two-part Pre-Cana Program takes place at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA. Couples must attend the **two all-day Saturday sessions, both Part I and Part II of the program. PRE-CANA SESSION DATES FOR 2015 ARE MARCH 7 AND MARCH 21.**



Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the Common Life

Born in Cappadocia (modern eastern Turkey), Saint Theodosius went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, stopping to see Saint Simeon Stylites, and then entered a monastery under one Longinus. Theodosius was appointed head of a church near Bethlehem but left to become a hermit on a neighboring mountainside and soon attracted many disciples, whom he organized into a community of hermits and built a monastery for them at Cathismus near Bethlehem.

He built three hospitals for the sick, the aged, and the mentally disturbed, organized his community according to four language groups that were prevalent among his monks. Patriarch Sallust of Jerusalem appointed Theodosius as *Cenobiarch* – the leader of cenobites – of those monks living in community in Palestine. Together with Saint Sabbas, Theodosius opposed the attempts of Emperor Anastasius to spread Eutychianism (a form of Monophysitism that insisted that Christ had one nature, the divine, eliminating the reality of the human nature of Christ, and thus negating the possibility of humanity being saved through Christ's death).



Theodosius' preaching all over Palestine against this heresy led to his exile by the Emperor. He was recalled by Emperor Justin soon after Anastasius' death and was ill the last years of his life. He fell asleep in the Lord in the year 529 on 11 January, having lived 103 years.