

**Christ is Baptized  
in the Jordan!  
Glorify Him!**

**St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650**

**Христос Крестается  
в Иордане!  
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## **5 JANUARY 2025 / 7533 SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

*The Holy Martyrs Theopempt and Theona.  
Our Venerable Mother Syncletica. The Holy Prophet Micah.*



### **LITURGY SCHEDULE:**

**Sat. Jan. 04 17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

*Suffrages for +Jerry & Kathy Altman – Fr. Regis Dusecina*

**Sun. Jan. 05 10:30 SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY** *Suffrages pro populo;  
esp. for +John Regalla w/ 1 year Panachida: wife Norma and son  
Richard and family.*

Mon. Jan. 06 10:00 **THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST:** Liturgy of St. Basil the Great w/ Great Blessing of the Jordan Water. *Suffrages for +George & Agnes Rusinko and sons George and Michael* – Aimée (née Rusinko) & Michael Kakos

Sat. Jan. 11 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**  
*Suffrages for +Kathleen Snitzer* – James Snitzer

Sun. Jan. 12 10:30 **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY** *Suffrages pro populo*

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<b>12 / 29 / 2024</b>	Adults: \$4839	Christmas: \$390	Candles: \$71	Initial Off: \$30
<b>COLLECTION</b>	Holy Days: \$240	Spec. Don. \$10	<b>TOTAL: \$5590</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Sat. 16</b>	<b>Sun. 32 + 4</b>		
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**T**oday Christ enters the Jordan to wash away the sin of the world. John himself testifies that this is why He has come: *Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.* **Today** a servant lays his hand on the Lord, a man lays his hand on God, John lays his hand on Christ, not to forgive but to receive forgiveness. **Today**, as the psalmist prophesied: *The voice of the Lord is heard above the waters. What does the voice say? This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.* **Today** the Holy Spirit hovers over the waters in the likeness of a dove. A dove announced to Noah that the flood had disappeared from the earth; so now a dove is to reveal that the world's shipwreck is at an end forever. The sign is no longer an olive-branch of the old stock: instead, the Spirit pours out on Christ's head the full richness of a new anointing by the Father, to fulfill what the psalmist had prophesied: *Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.*

*Excerpt from a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop of Ravenna, Italy*

**B**efore the coming of Your only Son, O Master, You sent John, an angel in the flesh, greater than anyone born of woman. His wondrous birth was in imitation of the birth of Your heavenly Son, and through death John announced His descent into Hades to the dead. You made the Baptist worthy to give prophetic witness above measure and to win the crown of martyrdom. The brightness of his life surrounds us as he lead us on the path of Your commands by the light of his preaching. Lead all of us into the heavenly kingdom through the compassion of Your Christ, with Whom You are blessed, with the all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

*Ambon Prayer – Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist, Prophet and Precursor*

## ~ Announcements ~

- ✠ There is **NO BINGO IN JANUARY 2025**. The first bingo of the new year will be on **FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY**.
- ✠ **THANK YOU** to Sandra for her donation to our parish cemetery. May God grant to His servant Sandra, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years.

*многоа лѣта! Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη! Ad multos annos!*