THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

Icon of the Theophany of Our Lord -- January 6th
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| 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM) | 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM) | 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM) |  
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| 5:00 PM: Vesperal Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water | 5:00 PM: Vesperal Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water | 5:00 PM: Vesperal Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water |  

**Please join in the chanting**

| **Monday**  
| Jan 6 | **Theophany of Our Lord** | **OBLIGATION**  
| | Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7 | One of the Twelve Great Feast Days  
| | Mt 3:13-17 | Festal Tone  
| | | 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM) |  

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| **Tuesday**  
| Jan 7 | **Synaxis of John the Baptist** |  
| | Acts 19:1-8 |  
| | Jn 1:29-34 | 7:00 PM: Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting |  

| **Wednesday**  
| Jan 8 | **George, Dominica & Emilian Venerables** |  
| | Heb 10:1-18 | 9:00 – 9:45 AM: Confession |  
| | Mk 8:30-34 | 10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (SSCM) |  

| **Thursday**  
| Jan 9 | **Polyeuct Martyr** |  
| | Heb 10:35-11:7 |  
| | Mk 9:10-16 |  

| **Friday**  
| Jan 10 | **Gregory of Nyssa Bishop** |  
| | Heb 11:8 & 11-16 |  
| | Mk 9:33-41 | * Simple abstinence from meat or equivalent penance. |  

| **Saturday**  
| Jan 11 | **Saturday after Theophany Theodosius Venerable** |  
| | Eph 6:10-17 | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Coptic Orthodox Divine Liturgy |  
| | Mt 4:1-11 | 3:00 – 3:45 PM Confession |  
| | | 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy (SN) |  

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Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Mark
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY  
January 5, 2020

WELCOME!

If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy to have you share with us in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Byzantine Catholic Greetings

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PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Please remember in your prayers:
Rev. Father Mark Shuey, Dawn Shuey, Veronica, Patricia Baures, the Dunbar Family, the Parsons Family, Elizabeth Macario, Gloria and Nicholas, Jim, Richard, Matthew Rubush, Mary and Michael, James, Mary Sudik.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed:
+John Morgan+; +Natalie Morgan+; +Michael Carter+; +Don Urgo+; +Deacon Charles+, +Barbara+, and +Ivan Burger+; +Joseph Dunbar+; +Eveline Dunbar+; +Winifred Ann Reamey+; +Anne Carret+; +Donald Carret+; +Kalil Wakim+; +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer+; +Gloria Shuey+

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and May their Memory be Eternal.

Unable to attend Divine Liturgy?

For those who are traveling or unable to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday you can view the Sunday Divine Liturgy live/streaming broadcast at 9 AM from St John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, Pittsburgh (Munhall), PA. This church is where Archbishop William Skurla presides. You will need to download the App at this website: https://www.stjohnsbyzantinecraftathedral.com/watch-live

You can also watch and listen to the live 9 AM Sunday Liturgy from Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, Pittsburgh (McKees Rocks), PA on the internet at www.WEDO810.Com radio. This is the website for the Radio Divine Liturgy: https://www.archpitt.org/radio-divine-liturgy/
CHURCH CLEANING

If you would like to help, please contact Joe Deaton or Michelle Rubush. We need to have enough volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Thank you to our current volunteers!

| Jan 5-10  | G. Tsakanikas | Jan 26-31 | McCarty |
| Oct 12-17 | Kingery      | Feb 2-7   | Morgan  |
| Jan 19-24 | A. Taylor    | Feb 9-14  | Rose    |

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Jan 5: Charley, Tomas, and Nathan Tooley, Korbi and William Lam, Ben Kingery
Jan 12: Giuseppe, Max, Tony, Rocco, and AJ Tsakanikas, Stephen Cwik, Deaglan
Jan 19: Charley, Tomas, and Nathan Tooley, Finian Jones, Ben Kingery

VOLUNTEER GREETERS

Jan 5: Michael Taylor
Jan 12: Giuseppe Tsakanikas
Jan 19: Margie Tooley

Jan 5: Gigliotti
Jan 12: Talitha Tooley
Jan 19: Deaton

READERS SCHEDULE

Jan 5: Patti Kingery
Jan 12: Paul Tooley
Jan 19: Angela Taylor

Jan 26: Michelle Rubush
Feb 2: Scott Nashland

SOCIAL HOUR REFRESHMENTS

Please make our parish welcoming to everyone by remembering to bring refreshments, set up, and clean up on the Sunday assigned to your household.

Team 4: Jan 5, 2020
Michelle & Matt Rubush, Joe Deaton,
Paul & Margie Tooley

Team 5: Jan 12, 2020
Jane & Jim Dunbar, Maura & Mike Sudik
Justin & Julie McCarty

Team 6: Jan 19, 2020
Nick & Ellen Tsakanikas, Tiphaine Lamb,
Deacon Lee & Joanne Kibbe

Team 1: Jan 26, 2020
Pattie and Travis Kingery, Lance Morgan
Natalie & Larry McKenny

Team 2: Feb 2, 2020
Marie Taylor, Tony & Rachel Blair,
Chris & Dave Urgo

Team 3: Feb 9, 2020
Nancy & John Driscoll, David Kovach,
Mary & Mike Carpenter
Project Rachel

1 in 4 people is touched by abortion. Odds are that someone you know is suffering from the effects of an abortion. You can be instrumental in bringing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to those in great need by passing along this information!

Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post-abortive woman (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. Check their website for the next retreat. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the retreat contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com For more information go to www.projectrachelnc.org. (website).

Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

Birthchoice

Pregnant and need help? Call 919-828-LIFE. There are many resources for when you find yourself pregnant and not sure what to do. Our society today often pressures women to abort when this destructive step is not necessary. Did your partner give you the money for an abortion: Is there no one in your family to whom you can turn? There are plenty of people who care; you just haven't met them yet. We are pro-choice; choose life! You do not have to end the life of your child.

Bulletin Online!

The bulletin is online at our website: sscurymethodius.org. Thank you, Chris and Mary Ann Meyer!

Institute of Catholic Culture

The Institute of Catholic Culture has an app about our faith which is managed by Melkite Fr. Hezekias. The organization is dedicated to the re-evangelization of our society through educational and cultural programs offered to the public at no charge. You’ll find hundreds of hours of audio available for free on the app or on their website: instituteofcatholicculture.org. Their lectionary provides reflections (both Eastern and Roman Catholic) so you can better prepare yourself to attend Divine Liturgy.

**Ignited by Truth 2020**

CHANGE IN DATE! The 17th annual Catholic conference will be held April 18, 2020 Reynolds Coliseum, Raleigh (not the 25th as formerly announced). “Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith” Join our mailing list to receive the latest updates: IgnitedByTruth.org
Catholic Radio

We have two options for Catholic Radio. For Eastern Catholics, online you will find https://easterncatholicbroadcasting.com We also have an option for Catholic Radio locally on the air at AM 540. It features EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) programming, including news & commentary, apologetics, the Mass, and papal events. “Light of the East” program with Rev. Fr. Thomas Loya discusses Byzantine Liturgy, spirituality and traditions at 11:30 AM on Sundays. Note that the current FCC license requires the power to be turned down in the evening, so the signal is very difficult to pick up during those hours (varies with the seasons). Check out Divine Mercy radio (Raleigh, Wendell, Zebulon), www.wdmr.org, for more information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets the first Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you’d like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Joe Deaton, Marie Taylor, Paul Tooley, Angela Taylor, Lance Morgan, and Dan Pope.

“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” - Luke 6:38

If you prefer, you may tithe directly to the church by US mail or by using PayPal.

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The **Eritrean Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month (January 4 and 18). The Eritreans will be celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord on Monday, January 6 from 9:00 PM to Midnight.

The **Coptic Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (January 11 and 25).

### Theophany - Baptism of our Lord

Throughout the Bible, water represents a powerful means of cleansing, purification and revival. St. John, Jesus' cousin, used the waters of baptism to call all to repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah. As He walked through the countryside, Jesus sought out his faithful relative and requested to be baptized.

Why would He do such a thing? Jesus, the sinless Son of God, would have no need for purification. This magnificent event which marks the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry taking Him on the road to Calvary, reveals several important truths to us:

* Christ took on the sins of the world and in doing so He ultimately saved us and opened the gates of heaven for all the faithful;

* the Holy Trinity was revealed to all as the Spirit appeared in the form of a dove and the voice of the Father called out "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;"

* Water’s powerful ability to cleanse and renew is honored by Jesus. While the waters were said to have rid evil from the earth during the Great Flood through death, the waters of Baptism purify and bring new spiritual life to all who receive this Holy Mystery and live in Faith.

### Troparion - January 6th

**The Theophany of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ**

At your baptism in the Jordon, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father’s voice bore witness to You, calling You His beloved son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, You appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to You!

Please send any additions and corrections for the bulletin by Thursday to Marianne at mariannesapsara@gmail.com
Saints Cyril and Methodius
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Saturday
4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy
(St. Nicholas Mission)

Sunday
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

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The Baptism of the Lord and Our Baptism

The prophet proclaimed, "He desires mercy," thereby announcing from on high the mystery of baptism and the immeasurable grace of the Crucified. It is Christ who desires mercy, and this was His reason for becoming man. He who was born without opening the virginal womb "will turn again and take pity on us." Indeed, He has taken pity on us by freeing us from error. Upon the cross He triumphed over all sin. "He has cast our sins into the depths of the sea," for He has washed them away in the saving waters of Baptism.

Consider what Baptism is and proclaim its grace. All blessings are contained in it. It purifies the world; it restores nature. It is a speedy redemption, a simple remedy, a liquid fire that burns away sin, a sponge that purifies the conscience, a garment that never wears out. It is a womb that conceives without passion, a tomb in which those who are buried are born again. It is the ocean in which sins are drowned, the element that witnesses to the devil's defeat. It is the seal of Him who takes possession of the fortress, the unfailing advocate before the Judge. It is the stream that extinguishes the fires of hell, the grace that gives admission to the supper of the Lord. It is a mystery, both old and new, foreshadowed even in the time of Moses. To Christ our God be glory forever, through endless ages. Amen.

Basil of Seleucia