SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY
January 9, 2022

Icons of Saints Gregory and Dometian - January 10

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Sunday
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
First Sunday of the month: One Divine Liturgy at 9:00AM
(If unable to attend in person, our 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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Liturgical calendars for calendar year 2022 are available in the narthex of the church. Please take one per family.
| SUNDAY | Sunday After Theophany | 8:30 AM Confession |
| SUNDAY | 1Ton 8 | Eph 4:7-13  
|  |  | Mt 4:12-17 | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
| Monday |  | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
|  |  | Mt 4:12-17 | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
| Tuesday | Gregory of Nyssa - Bishop |  |  
|  |  | Heb 8:7-13  
|  |  | Mk 8:11-21 |  
| Wednesday | Theodosius - Venerable | 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy |  
|  |  | 2 Cor 4:6-15  
|  |  | Mt 11:27-30 |  
| Thursday | Tatiana - Martyr |  |  
|  |  | Heb 10:1-18  
|  |  | Mk 8:30-34 |  
| Friday | Hermolaus and Stratonicus Martyrs |  |  
|  |  | Heb 10:35-11:7  
|  |  | Mk 9:10-16 |  
| Saturday | Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho | 4:00 PM Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas) |  
|  |  | Heb 11:8 & 11-16  
|  |  | Mk 9:33-41 |  
| Sunday | Paul and John - Venerables  
|  |  | Col 1:3-6  
|  |  | Lk 16:10-15 |  
| SUNDAY | 34th Sunday After Pentecost | 8:30 AM Confession  
|  |  | 1 Tim 15:17  
|  |  | Lk 18:35-43 | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
|  |  | Lk 18:35-43 | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy |

Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment  
or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).

SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE

The St. Nicholas Mission celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM.

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.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets the second Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Paul Tooley, Paul Cwik, Will Leatherwood, Dan Pope, and Mike Sapsara.

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website. "Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL - An excerpt from the November ECL from Bishop Kurt follows: “I ask once again, take care of your own needs and/or your own parish first. If you have extra and would like to help me with my work for the Eparchy, and for the weaker parishes, please consider a gift to the Bishop’s Appeal this year. God will not be outdone in generosity. However, money will not fix our clergy shortage. It is much more important that we pray. May God grant that young men give their lives to Him as priests + Kurt.” As a parish we have been generously blessed to have a priest and deacon from our Eparchy. Bishop Kurt is supporting our needs. Please give as generously as possible. We will reap much more than we sow when we put our trust in the Lord. Please visit the Eparchy’s website for more information: https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/
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If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share 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:

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CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN THE JORDAN!
Christos Kreshdaetza! V’lordan! (Slavonic)

Please remember in your prayers:
Bob Taylor, Augustine Griffith, Mary Jo and Bill Smith; Jerry Kingery; Sophia Rose; John Patrick Rose; David Hoover; Cameron Shuey; Dale Blair; Bernadette’s parents and aunts: Andrew, Etta, Martha and Yolanda; Father Mark and family; Father Vasyl and family.

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Holly Kingery, +Elizabeth Macario, +Luke Morgan, +Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey, +Victor Quintero, +Maria Victoria Quintero

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

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure. Thanks to all who are involved in the bathroom renovation taking place January 10-12.

Do you want to share the Catholic faith? Would you be interested in participating in street evangelization? Marie Taylor and Karen Quintero have been going out on a Saturday afternoon, asking the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of people walking by and start a conversation about the Catholic faith by distributing free rosaries, medals, and pamphlets. They are looking to add another person (or two?) to increase the possible opportunities. Email Karen at karennquintero@gmail.com if you’d like to know more.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Many thanks to our church cleaning volunteers which means no one is cleaning more than once every two or three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Please contact Marie Taylor at marie@8taylors.com if you want to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

| Jan 9-Jan 15 | Lisa Rose       | Feb 13-19         | Heidi Cwik/Joe Deaton |
| Jan 16-22    | Mary Carpenter  | Feb 20-26         | Marie Taylor          |
| Jan 23-29    | Nathan Tooley   | Feb 27-March 5    | Travis Kingery        |
| Jan 30-Feb 5 | Lance Morgan    | March 6-12        | Margie Tooley         |
| Feb 6-12     | Will & Sam Leatherwood | March 13-19 | Karen Quintero       |

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

One Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM: First Sunday of each month
School of Religion: Second Sunday of each month starting at 10:15 AM
ByzanTeens: Second Wednesday of each month after 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Altar Server Training/Review: Last Sunday of each month immediately following 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Today, the evangelist Matthew describes the beginning of Jesus' activity in these words, “The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; to those who dwell in the land and in the shadow of death, the light has come down.” (Mt 4:16)

The birth of Jesus Christ brought people not only joy but also spiritual light. His birth was announced by the light of the Star of Bethlehem. In the Jordan, John the Baptist revealed Him to the people as the Messiah. The example of Jesus' life and the words of His teaching enlightened mankind, brought the fullness of the truth about God and man, the true happiness of man, and the way to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Savior revealed to us the true values of the immortal human soul, truth, love, and mercy.

This light of God's truth has enlightened the world for over 2,000 years. Just as daylight helps us to see and discern things better, so the light of Christ's teaching helps us to know God, the work of His love, to distinguish between good and evil, truth and falsehood, and all that becomes an obstacle to our rapprochement with God. Those who did not follow God's teaching, Christ called the spiritually blind, the leaders of the blind.

In one of his teachings, Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not wander in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (Jn 8:12) He who is guided in life by the light of Christ's teaching and looks to the example of His life will not fall into the darkness of untruth, ignorance, reluctance, despair, hopelessness, feelings of inferiority, and loss of meaning in life. He who believes in Jesus and trusts in Him, God's light will protect him from misfortune, overcome various difficulties, and lead him reliably and confidently to the goal of life, which is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus Christ came to earth to open the eyes of the blind and to give light to those who were in the darkness of sin. That is why we, as Christians, are called in a special way to follow the Light of God, so that it may enlighten us at all times on the path we are leading to the realization of eternal life. To do this, we must find God in our earthly life, love Him, and reveal Him to others, fulfilling the words of Christ, "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:16) Amen.

Houses are traditionally blessed with “Theophany water” each year. A house can be blessed at any time, but the usual season for yearly blessings is from Theophany until the beginning of the Lenten Triodion, which begins four Sundays before Great Lent begins. This is not a hard and fast rule, but a good rule of thumb.

When a priest visits, there is a pious custom in some places that the family makes a donation to the priest for gas and other expenses. This is appreciated, but it should not be thought of as a requirement. The scripture tells us “Freely you have received, freely give”. The priest comes to the home because he wants God's blessing to be upon it, and to better know those in his flock and to be available to them.
IGNITED BY TRUTH - 1ST SATURDAYS
Honoring Our Lady of Fatima's request, a Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at Sts. Cyril and Methodius on Saturday March 5, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00PM.

MENS GROUP AT THE EPARCHY FARM
Clarksville, VA

There is an upcoming event at the farm January 14th - 15th for the kickoff of the SCM Men's Group. The plan is to get there around dinner time and have liturgy around 7:00. Saturday's festivities include prayer, civics, and socializing. All men over 18 are welcome. Please contact Mike Carpenter for more information.

North Carolina March and Rally for Life

North Carolina March and Rally for Life: Saturday, January 15, 2022
10:30 AM Bilingual Rosary at Holy Name of Jesus
11:00 AM Mass for Life at Holy Name of Jesus, Bishop Zarama Presiding

NC March for Life at Bicentennial Plaza in front of the General Assembly
12:45 pm Youth & College Rally
1:15 pm Main Life Rally & Speakers
2:30 pm March for Life

If you can’t attend but want to listen in, 540 AM will be broadcasting it. You can also stream it online.

https://www.catholic540am.org/
https://dioceseofraleigh.org/event/diocesan-mass-life-0
https://dioceseofraleigh.org/event/nc-right-life-annual-march-life
https://ncrnl.org/rally-and-march-for-life/

LAST CAME THE KING

When God created the heavens and the earth, there still had not appeared in the visible world that great and important creature, the human being. It was not to be expected that the monarch should make an appearance in advance of his subjects. On the contrary, only when the kingdom had first been made ready was the king to appear who was to reign over it. So there arose first the continents, the islands, the sea, and spread like a roof over them, the vault of heaven.

Riches from every quarter were gathered into the royal palace. By riches I mean all created things, the trees, the plants, everything that has sight and breath and life. I should include in their number, also, the materials which have been counted valuable in people's eyes because of their beauty, namely gold, silver and the precious stones which people love. The abundance of all these God hid like royal treasure in the bowels of the earth.

Only after that did God make human beings appear on earth. He intended them to be able to admire the beauty of the creation and to be lords over it. They were to be able, through their enjoyment of created things, to comprehend the wisdom of their provider. By the size and the beauty of them, they were to fathom the greatness of their Creator, which is beyond description or understanding. That is why humankind was introduced last, after the rest of creation, not as some unimportant afterthought, but as a suitable sovereign over all that God had made.

From The Creation of Man, St. Gregory of Nyssa