



Sunday before Theophany

*Theophany Eve ** The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas (284-305) – they were martyred at Nicomedia of Bithynia under Emperor Diocletian. ** The Venerable Mother Syncletica – she was a nun in Egypt. Syncletia became for women what Anthony the Great had been for men: an example of asceticism and union with God. She died in the 4th century.*

**** Sunday, Jan. 5th, 2020 ****

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Christ is Born!

- Glorify Him!

Христос Рождається!

- Славіте Його!

Christ is Baptised! In the Jordan by John!

Христос Хрещасться! В Йордані! від Йоана!



Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, Jan 5th * THEOPHANY EVE**

***** 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m. *****

*Divine Liturgy followed by Great Sanctification of Water ***
(Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners*

Monday, Jan. 6th - Feast of the Theophany /

БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ (ЙОРДАН)- 10:00 a.m. – Div. Lit.:

(Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Tuesday, Jan. 7th ** 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: +Stefania K.

Thursday, Jan. 9th ** 9:30 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings to Michael & Tara – Manda H.

Friday, Jan. 10th * 10:00 a.m. Moleben to St. Teresa of Culcatta**

Sunday, Jan. 12th ** 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) * 10:00 a.m. *** Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners**



Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion, Tone 4: After Elijah had gone up to heaven,* Elisha threw his mantle in the Jordan River which parted,* opening a way, a dry path between two walls of water, where he could pass,* a true symbol of our baptism by which we pass through this fleeting life.* Christ has been seen at the Jordan River* to sanctify the waters.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 5: You, my Saviour, descended to Hades,* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.* And so we cry out: “Save us, O Lord.”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4: O most compassionate Christ Who absolves our sins in the depth of your mercy, * you came to be baptized with the water of the Jordan. * You robed me in splendour * replacing my ancient garment of evil.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6 - Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

Alleluia, Tone 8 - God, be merciful to us and bless us.
verse: make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”



Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****



A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week!



Theophany

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At the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan, the public ministry of the Saviour begins (see Mt 3; Mk1). John the Baptist points to Christ in the Jordan and identifies Him as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (Jn1:29). During the baptism of Jesus, the Most Holy Trinity is made known: “Worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming you the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word’s certainty.”

“The voice of the Father” is the voice of the Heavenly Father, and the “Spirit in the form of a dove” is the Holy Spirit, who descends upon Christ, revealing him to be the Son of God. For this reason, Church tradition refers to the Baptism of Jesus Christ as the Theophany (from the Greek, meaning divine appearance) ...

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The Theophany at the Jordan is liturgically connected with the feast of the Nativity. In her celebration of both these events, Church tradition emphasizes that both the Incarnation and the Baptism of the Lord are when God appears (in Greek, theophania). In accordance with the text of the Great Blessing of Water at Theophany, “in the preceding feast we have seen you as a babe, and in this present feast as perfect human, appearing as our perfect God.” At the Nativity, God the Word “was born,” but now he “appears in the flesh to the human race.” At the Nativity, the “Sun of Righteousness” rose, and now it “shines forth.” In the liturgical tradition of the Church, the feast of Theophany is also called the feast of

Illumination. The sticheras of the feast of Theophany elucidate the bond between the feasts of the Nativity and Theophany: What was announced by the angel is now announced to the people by the Baptist; the spilling of infant blood caused Bethlehem to become childless, but through the sanctified waters of baptism, the Jordan now has many children. What was announced by the star to the magi in Bethlehem is now revealed to the world by the Father himself.

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In the Ukrainian Christian tradition, the symbolism of Jordan water is closely connected with the memory of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine by Grand Prince Volodymyr. The river Dniro, in which the people of Kyiv were baptized, is figuratively called the “Ukrainian Jordan.” On the feast of Theophany in Ukraine, an ice cross is erected as a sign and a memorial of baptism; during the Great Blessing of Water, three triple-branched candles are immersed into the waters. Bringing the holy water home, the faithful partake of it at the beginning of the Theophany Eve supper Shchedryi vechir (Ukrainian, meaning Abundantly Generous Eve). They bless their homes and farms, and keep the water throughout the year to partake of it, and to bless themselves in times of difficulty and illness.

Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – “Christ Our Pascha” #197-8 & 202 p. 72-4



Please Pray for health of ... Mary W., Bill Ch., Piotr & Jadwiga W., Sam D., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lawrence & Ping B., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Dorothy N., Jayne P., Gloria N., Jessie P., Louise M, Elsie K., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., Rose K., Maria S., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

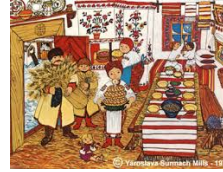


Thank you to all our Volunteers –

Дякуємо – Many thanks to everyone for your support of our parish community and all other work done at the church property this past week. God bless

you all!

Theophany Eve Meal and Caroling (Shchedrij Vechir) – will take place today, **Sunday, Jan. 5th, 2020** after the Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing at 10:00 a.m.



Христос Раждається! Chrystos Razdajetsia! – we wish many God’s blessings to all our brothers and sisters who this coming Tuesday, Jan. 7th will celebrate Christ’s Nativity according to the Julian calendar. **Веселих Свят!**

House Blessing & Pastoral Visits – will begin this coming week. Please assist Fr. Andrzej in planning these visits by filling out the provided form with your name and time of preference.



Next Monthly Catholic Youth Meeting – will take place this coming Friday, Jan. 10th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family RC parish.

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Monthly Meeting – will take place on



Thursday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Catechetical Presentation – will take place on, **Sunday, Jan. 19th** after the Divine Liturgy.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, OLPH, Kamloops – will hold their next monthly meeting on **Monday, January 20th** at 1:00 p.m. in SSVP Dining room on Briar St.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place on **Tuesday, January 21st, 2020** at 2:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

Nominating Committee – on the last Sunday of January we are planning to hold our 2019-2020 AGM. As usual at the meeting we will elect new parish council members. For your suggestions of candidates, please call one of the members of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Zonia Rurka at 250-377-5517.

Annual Parish General Meeting – is planned to take place on **Sunday, January 26th, 2020.**

DIOCESE OF KAMLOOPS 75th ANNIVERSARY: MAY 30, 2020 at Thompson Rivers University Grand Hall. Mass at 1 pm; reception at 6 pm; and Gala Banquet at 7 pm, Banquet tickets (\$50 each) can now be purchased from: St. Joseph's Christian Book and Gift Store 778-471-6100, Bianca Cinel - 250-374-7004.

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Sunday Dec. 29th - \$920.00 **** *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*

Special Petition for Divine Liturgy: We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

<i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Psalm(s)</i>
15:1-10	Jan 5, 2020	Jan. 11, 2020	Pss 104-105
15:11-32	Jan. 12, 2020	Jan. 18, 2020	Pss 106-107



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1) You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.



The VII Patriarchal Assembly-Sobor in 2020 - “Emigration, settlements and the global unity of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.”

The regional Eparchial Sobor for “**The Interior**” (our parishes in Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon and Grindrod) will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2020 **at Holy Trinity Parish in Kamloops.**

10:30 a.m. - Welcome and Moleben to the Holy Spirit

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Discussion on the questions previously submitted to you for discussion at the parish level (see below)

1:00 pm. - Lunch, followed by departures

Regional Sobor Questions:

Question 1: Connecting with our heritage – Why have you remained or what has led you to become a Ukrainian Greek Catholic? What aspects of UGCC’s spiritual heritage and history, or cultural heritage and history, are especially important to you?

Question 2: Engaging with our present – Why are you a Ukrainian Greek Catholic today? Which spiritual practices or cultural practices are important to your engagement with your faith today? Do you know the faith stories of the other people in your parish?

Question 3: Ideas for our future – How can the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church’s expression of our Christian faith continue to remain important in your life, in the life of your community, and for our future generations?