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*Week of January 1 - 7, 2012 ❖ 29th Sunday after Pentecost ❖ Tone 4
Sunday Before Theophany ❖ The Circumcision of the Lord ❖ St. Basil the Great*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Timothy 4:5-8 & Colossians 2:8-12

MY SON TIMOTHY: Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

BRETHREN: Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Mark 1:1-8 & Luke 2:20-21,40-52

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' "John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate

locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
AT THAT TIME: the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

DAILY READINGS:

- Jan 2nd
Heb. 8:7-13
Luke 20:27-44
- Jan 3rd
Heb. 9:8-10,15-23
Luke 21:12-19
- Jan 4th
Heb. 10:1-18
Luke 21:5-7,10-11,20-24
- Jan 5th
1 Cor. 9:19-27
Luke 3:1-18
- Jan 6th
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Matt 3:13-17
- Jan 7th
Eph. 6:10-17
Matt 4:1-11

Weekly Calendar

- Sunday, January 1st
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour -
Fast Free: Dec 25 - Jan 4
- Thursday, January 5th
Festal Vesperal Liturgy &
Great Blessing of Water
6:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 6th
THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD
Beginning of House Blessing
January 6th - 17th

- Saturday, January 7th
House Blessing
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday January 1st
Greeter: Mat. Melanie
Cleaning: **PPP**
Coffee Hour: Bartos

Sunday January 8th
Greeter: Mat. Melanie
Cleaning: **PPP**
Coffee Hour: Burrill

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 3,275
YTD:\$123,643 [82.9%]
YTD Goal:\$149,130.00
(52 wks) [\$ 2867.75/wk]



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **Great Feast of Epiphany / Theophany:** Festal Vespers Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water, Thursday, January 5th, 6:00 p.m.

◆ **Home Blessing:** Please check the bulletin board or monthly Newsletter which has the proposed Home Blessing schedule. Let Fr. David know if there is a conflict. Also, if your name is not on the list, and you want it added, it will be joyfully added.

◆ **Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2012 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is being passed around by Phyllis Bartos. **PLEASE** put your name on the list!!!

◆ **Greeters & Cleaners:** The list for Cleaners, by weeks, for December, January & February is posted on the bulletin board. **WE HAVE NO ONE TO CLEAN FOR JANUARY!** PLEASE sign-up today!! Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to beautify OUR church!

◆ **Parish Education:** Next Sunday, Study Group will continue and Church School will begin at 8:30 a.m.

◆ **Parish Council:** The last meeting of the 2011 council will be Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. When the nominat-

"For the sick and suffering"

Vladimir Jim' Dounouk	Karen Murphy
Megan Bartos	Stella Tynik
Alla Hamisevich	Paul Sachok

Bishop NIKON (chemo & radiation)
Archpriest Michael Mihalick (MS - All Saints, Johnstown, PA)
Archpriest William DuBovik (All Saints, Hartford)
child Timothy Armstrong Jr. (Great-nephew of Ann Myszka)
Michael Myszka (recovering from surgery - Brother of Mark Myszka)
Vincent MacKenzie (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Robin Prince (Cousin of John Delaney)
Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)
Sonya Bartos (Mother of David Bartos)
James Brennan (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
Jean O'keefe (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)
Shirley Lucas (Daughter of Ruth Lucas)
child Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)
Laura Iles (Friend of Diane Polzun)
Krista Nordmark (cancer - Friend of Laura Burrill)
Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)
child Isabelle Negron (Friend of Larissa Rembisz)
Marcia Marsted (Friend of the Bradanini's)
Raymond Bargielski (cancer - Friend of Nelson & Arlene Potter)
Lorraine Lynch (Mother-in-law of Peter Anop)

Twyla Mah (surgery - Sister in law of Tessa & John Mah)
David Hull (cancer - Physician of Arlene Potter)
child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)
JoAnn Hensley (stroke - Friend of Jennie Everson)
Dorothy Ludko (Friend of Barbara Raymond)
Roy Fongemie (cancer - Friend of Barbara Raymond)
Patricia Heinze (cancer - Friend of Barbara Raymond)
Avril LaCouer (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of Rebecca McCallum)
Ann Belonick (Grandmother of Daniel Belonick)
James Bell (lymphoma - Friend of Dan Telychka)
Seth Bannon (recovery from surgery - cousin of Tim Bannon)
Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors - Sister of Fr. John Hopko)
Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)
Donna Kriniske (recovery from brain surgery - Cousin of Matushka Melanie)
David Woolwine (US Army /Deploying to Afghanistan - Friend of the Bichun's)

..... and all those shut-in and in Nursing Homes!

Newly	Eugenia "Jean" Prusik [Dec 1]
Departed:	Nicholas Zamayduk [Dec 6]
	Sawa Kokotiuk [Dec 25] (Father of Raisa Shafran)

ВЪЧНОДА ПАМАТЬ

ing committee asks if you want to serve on the new council PLEASE step forward to be a steward of our parish!

◆ **Annual Meetings:** Both Sisterhood and Men's Club will hold their meetings on Sunday, January 22nd after coffee hour.

◆ **Annual Parish Meeting:** The annual gathering of the entire parish in council will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012 following Divine Liturgy & coffee hour. EVERYONE who is qualified as a "voting member" is asked to make every effort to attend. We have a number of important items to discuss and approve, so everyone's participation is needed!



◆ **The January monthly charity collection is for FOCUS North America.**
Mission: As an expression of Christ's love

FOCUS North America serves the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned by providing Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter. The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!

◆ **Winter weather:** Watch NBC30 or listen to WTIC-AM1080 for announcements concerning service cancellations during this winter.

◆ **Men's Club Lotto -**

87 Janet Culton

Support the Men's Club
Special Projects Fund!!

Soon it will be time to renew or pick numbers for the new year. There are open numbers!!!

