

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 6. AFTERFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY. SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY. SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Jan. 7: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

Tuesday, Jan. 9: 7 AM Matins

Wednesday, Jan. 10: 7 AM Matins

Thursday, Jan. 11: 7 AM Matins

Saturday, Jan. 13: 5 PM Great Vespers.

Sunday, Jan. 14: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Pauline Sevensky, Bernie Elko, Lucille Lezinsky, Danny Pregmon, Sandra Pritchyk, Helen Wirhanowsky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchyk & Matushka Myra Kovalak.

Offerings:

Christmas Flowers: In Memory of: Aleck & Ann Jadick by David Jadick.

Announcements: (Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open on Thursday, January 4 and Saturday, January 20 from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Peoples Security Bank & Trust, Kris Mitchell.** We are in need of plastic bags for the Food Pantry. Please place your donation in the tub in the crying room.

Pierogi Project: Thank you to all who volunteered on December 12 & 13 to make a successful Pierogi Project. The Net Profit was \$6,126.

Appeal Letter composed by Barbara Sevensky on behalf of the Parish Council: This letter was sent to all parishioners who are members of our Church. This letter is asking for a RSVP to Dr. David Lezinsky (484-597-0124) or Emily Krenitsky (570-562-6115).

House Blessings: Fr. Peter plans to visit as many families as possible for a house blessing. It is customary to have a table covered with a white table cloth. An icon, candle and a bowl for the holy water is needed. The holy water that is sanctified by the Holy Spirit from Theophany will be provided by Fr. Peter if you don't have any. It is not necessary to buy a white table cloth if you don't have one. You may also want to have a list of names (living and departed) to be remembered. Fr. Peter will call parishioners to set up a time.

81st Novogodny Ball: Will take place on Sunday 1/14/18 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email novogodnyball@gmail.com or call Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

9 (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ



On the first day of the Afterfeast of Theophany, the Church extols Saint John the Baptist as the greatest man born of a woman. He surpasses all the ancient prophets because he baptized the Messiah, Whose coming he foretold.