

Guidelines for Holding Services

We have been blessed to distribute antidoron via the small bags- please take the one you touch for yourself and your family. For the protection of our vulnerable members, please continue to wear masks during services.

If you have any questions about it being safe for you to attend services, please contact: frkejlien@gmail.com 503-467-8360.

January Schedule of Services

2 nd	11:00 am	Parish Council meeting
	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
3 rd	8:30 am	Matins
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
9 th	5:00 pm	Reader's Vespers
10 th	10:00 am	Typica Service
16 th	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
17 th	8:30 am	Matins
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
23 rd	5:00 pm	Reader's Vespers
24 th	10:00 am	Typica Service

Please pray for...

Our catechumen Makarios and his family
Wilma, Kathy
Jackson, Bree and Adara
The growth of our Mission
Persecuted Christians in Ethiopia and around the world.

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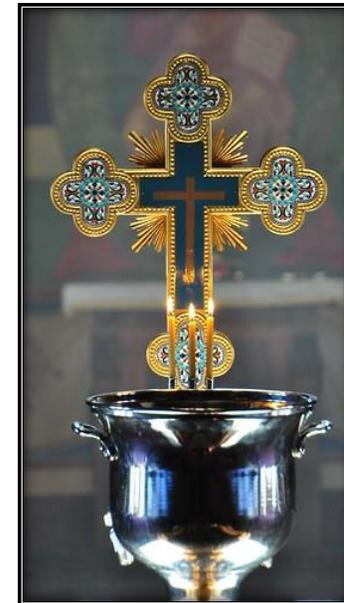
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Welcome, Guests!

We are pleased that you have joined us today. Please note that reception of the Holy Eucharist is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared to receive the Gifts with fasting and confession. Blessed bread is available for each family- please take the first bag that you touch from the tray following receipt of the Gifts.

The Feast of Theophany- the Baptism of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ January 6

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord. God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness,” and “in the region of the shadow of death” and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions. From the second century we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast.

Saint John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but “to bury human sin by water,” to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify “the nature of water” and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Undivided. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).

January also features the Feast Days of many great hierarchs and monastic Saints of the Church such as St. Gregory of Nysaa, St. Theophan the Recluse (1/8), St. Sava of Serbia (1/14), St. Anthony the Great (1/17), St. Athanasius the Great (1/18), St. Macarius the Great (1/20), St. Maximos the Confessor (1/21), Apostle Timothy (1/22), and St. Gregory the Theologian, St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom (Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs 1/30). By their prayers may we retain the grace given to us and deepen our faith and actions to accord more and more with God’s Holy will.
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The Troparia of the Feast

*When Thou, O Lord was baptized in the Jordan
The worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness unto
Thee,
And called Thee His beloved Son,
And the Spirit, in the form of a dove
Confirmed His Word as sure and Steadfast
O, Christ our God, who has appeared and hast
enlightened the world,
Glory to Thee!*

Holy Water

Everyone is welcome to take a small quantity of Holy water home for use throughout the year. As it is used, you can simply add more water to your vial and have it to use throughout the year. You can bless your home by sprinkling the water throughout your home and singing the Troparia of the feast and saying “Jesus Christ Conquers!”