

**Parish Calendar  
& Upcoming Events**

**11 Wednesday** 11:30 am Eastern Catholic Clergy luncheon meeting at St. John of the Desert.  
**16 Monday Accordion Club Supper** 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Ham steaks, Scallop potato & green beans. Give Mom & Dad a break from cooking.

**FEBRUARY**  
**ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD**  
 Solemn Holy  
 Feb 1 Wed 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy  
 Feb 2 Thurs 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

**3 Friday FISH & PIEROGI DINNER**  
 5pm to 7pm. Special parish fund raiser. Open to the Public.

**11 Saturday FIRST ALL SOULS**  
 9:00 am Liturgy with the reading of the names of our deceased.  
*\*VALENTINE'S DINNER BENEFIT for our Youth Rally?*

**20 Monday FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST. Strict Fast Day**

**22 Wednesday Day of Abstinence**  
 7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

**24 Friday Day of Abstinence**  
 12 Noon Presanctified Liturgy  
**WEEKLY LENTEN FISH & PIEROGI DINNER BEGINS** *but never on Good Friday.*

**ALTAR SOCIETY** serving our church their cleaning of the Holy Temple. Joan Wolfe is our volunteer for this week. If you would like to join our Society call Gilda Dougherty 602-944-2769.

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Eternal Light:**  
 Happy Birthday Bishop Gerald by Mary Washko  
**Tetrapod:**  
 Happy Birthday Helen Wirt by Mary Washko  
**Tetrapod:**  
 +Cindy Schneider by Marianna Schneider  
**Christmas:**  
 Sr. Christopher Malcovsky by Alice Garcia  
**Resurrection:**  
 Dorene Baranik by Dorothy Bezeredi  
**Pentecost:**  
 Maria Rauh by The Marmol Family  
**Ascension:**  
 Intention of the Weisheit Family  
**Encounter:**  
 Happy Birthday Josie Danovich by Sr, Alphonsa  
**Theophany: Exaltation of the Cross:**  
**Transfiguration: St. Anthony: (Available)**

**TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT**  
 January 1 Saturday 5 pm 46 souls  
 Sunday 8 am--25 souls & 10 am-90 Souls.  
 Tithing : \$2,468.21  
 Christmas: \$75.00  
 Candles: \$68.93  
 Thank you for your support and generosity.

Pilgrim	Icon Schedule
January 8	Sisters of St. Basil
January 15	Kathy Slonka
January 22	Diane Papke
January 29	The Mundall Family
February 5	Doris Kobrzycki

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**Served by:**  
 Mitered Archpriest Stephen G. Washko, rector  
 Deacon John Montalvo III, Deacon James Danovich,  
 Deacon Michael Hanafin

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**January 8 2012**

**Sunday after Theophany**

**Sun. After Theophany** *Rev. John Trompak*

As the spring thaw finally disappears into the warming earth, the annual gardening process begins. The thick stalks of winter weeds are thrown into the fires and the dried leaves and grass mulch is cultivated into the rich soil. Lumps of hard ground are broken down and leveled. As we gaze into the soft moist earth, dreams of ripe red tomatoes, crawling cucumbers, furrows of fluffy lettuce and rows of tender green onion take root in the soil of our imaginations. Out with the old! but what about the new? Where are the new seeds? What happens when the new seeds are not planted? The clearing and the cultivating is wasted as the weeds quickly take over again.

The prophecy of Isaiah, "A herald's voice in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his path,'" is fulfilled in the proclamation of St. John the Baptist. Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand... Every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize with water for the sake of reform, but the one who will follow me is more powerful

than I...He it is who will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire.

John the Baptist knew that his baptism of repentance, of clearing and cultivation, must be followed by a planting. The baptism of Jesus includes such a planting. The new seed is the Holy Spirit Who is planted in each of us at the time of our Baptism.

Even at the time of His own baptism by John, when Jesus came out of the water, "...the sky opened and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and hover over Him." We receive the same Spirit through the anointing by the priest of the consecrated Chrism at the time of our Baptism. It is by the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives that we produce good works. As we struggle to keep the weeds of our former life from taking over, the seeds of the Spirit germinate and take over with its rich produce.

The baptism of John was one of clearing and cultivating. The baptism of Christ with the Holy Spirit is one of planting and new life. My life is the freshly cultivated soil and the Holy Spirit is the new seed. What can I do now and at all times to assure the continued and free growth of the Spirit in my life?**Suggested Scripture Readings:**  
**Joel 3:1-5 Acts 19:1-8**

**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE LITURGIES & INTENTIONS**

**7 Saturday vigil for Sun.** (Isaiah 9: 1-7 or Jonah 3: 1-10) p104 & Tone 5 p.143  
5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy +Robert  
*Christiansen by Cathy Kardos*

**8 SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY, p. 316 & Tone 5 p. 146**

8:00 am +George A. Tomley  
*by Monta & George Tomley*  
**9:45 am THIRD HOUR**  
10:00 am *For our parish members*  
*Holy Anointing and Blessed Bread after the Sunday Divine Liturgies commemorating the Baptism of our Lord in the River Jordan.*  
**ECF Classes for the Youth of our Parish**

**9 Mon Postfestive of Theophany, p 316**

8:00 am *Happy Birthday +The Priest Alexander Nanko*  
*by Liz & Tom Petrus*

**10 Tues Postfestive of Theophany, p 316**

8:00 am +Michael Wayland  
*by Cathy Kardos*

**11 Wed Postfestive of Theophany, p 316**

8:00 am *Happy Birthday Bishop Gerald by Fr. Stephen & Mary Washko*

**12 Thur No Services-**  
*Father is not available.*

**13 Fri Leave-taking of the Feast, p 316**

8:00 am *Maria Rauh by The Marmol Family*

**14 Sat Vigil for Sunday p. 104 & Tone 6 p. 149 (Num. 12: 1-15 or 2 Kings 5: 1-19)**

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy *Happy Birthday Liz Petrus by Tom Petrus*

**15 Thirty-First Sun After Pentecost Tone 6, p. 152**

8:00 am +Dorothy Hopkins  
*by Mary Beth Foster*

**9:45 am THE THIRD HOUR**

10:00 am *for the members of our parish*  
**ECF Classes for the Youth of our Parish**

**PRAYER REQUESTS** Anne Peterson, Maria Compion, Pia McCarthy, Sr. Christopher, Hugo Marmol, Sr. Barbara Stefaniak, Helen Duhancik, Mary Rabayda, Alex & Julie Vu Family, Marlene Leeds--Sr. Christopher's niece, Dorothy Bezeredi, Daniel Walsh, Robert King, Jon Hrovat, Fr James Lane, Dobric & Family, Larrie Ann Thets, Frank Slonka, Mary Lou Clark, Ricki Majklowjez, Henrietta Gazzano, Jo Ellen Duncan, Hazel Carfagma, mother of Marsha Dudik, Margaret Kunak, Vincent, James Hrovat, Ann Ryan, Martha Maleta. Julia Menlicavage, Nicholas Toth.

**HOLY WATER** is available for the faithful to take home at anytime. It is located near the Lift in church. A card table is temporary set up for you fill your containers and drink the water.

**TODAY WE BEGIN OUR PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM.** This program is beginning today in every Byzantine Catholic Parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. We need generous women and men to minister among us as priests, deacons, monastics and sisters. We need people like you to pray for and encourage them. See the list of those who have responded on last page of the bulletin. Sr. Jean Marie is our coordinator she will be calling you to sign up.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Helen Wirt and Elizabeth Kol. Special celebration in the parish hall after the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR** a big thank you for the wonderful response from our parishioners and friends for our Fish & Pierogi Dinner last Friday night.

We had a very good response from the public. Also we need to acknowledge the families who came at the end of the dinner to clean up. Thanks to the Michael Ruggieri Family, The Cory Ball Family and Nicholas Sandrock By 9:30 pm everyone was able to go home. We will be asking everyone working the Fish Fry help clean or leave their assigned section a little cleaner.

We are reevaluating our menu (looking for better products)and reviewing our pricing. Last time we priced our items was in 2004. It will be based on the cost increases and better products we are considering. Any ideas let me know.

**HALL PROGRESS** we passed the inspection for the footers of the entrance and the cement was poured. On Monday morning the ground will be treated for termites and then the floor of the vestibule, porch and sidewalks will be poured on top of the footers.

The temporary entrance through the Conference Room worked for the people coming to the parish hall for our Fish & Pierogi Dinner.

**WATER HEATER** for the parish hall went out last week and it was replaced in time for the Fish & Pierogi Dinner. The new commercial water heater is about 85 to 90% efficient. It is gas with only a little water vapor released into the air and a little water into the drain thanks to the wonders of computers. It even has a built in timer to lower the temperature at times when the kitchen is not in use.

**ALL SOULS LIST** we need to update our All Souls Lists for the 5 All Souls Saturdays for 2012.

- 1) Please use the Specially marked envelope that was mailed to your home with your Budget Tithing envelopes.
- 2) Please PRINT only the first names of your deceased that you want to be commemorated on the All Souls Saturday.
- 3) Plan on attending at least one of the 5 All Souls Liturgies to personally remember your deceased loved ones.

The deadline for the list is for **Sunday February 5th** for publication which will be provided in time for the All Souls Liturgy and Panachida.

**Christ Is Among Us!**  
**He Is and Will Be!**