

The True Light of Revelation to the Gentiles

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illumines everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment of the

Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it," that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

St. Chromatius

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



Christ the Teacher – Pantocrator of Hagia Sophia

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Sunday – January 9, 2022

Христос Рождается! Славимо Його! ✱ Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. We will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday January 9 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday After Theophany (For the Parish) (+Wolodymyr and +Julia Hetmansky from Family)
Sunday January 16 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Blessings Louis Cona from the Fedyk Family) (For the Parish)

District of Columbia Mayor Bowser announced that the District is re-instituting a universal, indoor masking mandate for everyone, even those fully vaccinated. Persons attending Church in the District, even if they are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended. This will be in effect until January 31, 2022.

Everyone is kindly asked to return to wearing a mask during the Divine Liturgies.

We will also continue to livestream Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies.

2022 CHURCH CALENDARS

Please take a 2022 Church Calendar available in the vestibule. They are free.

IN YOUR CHRISTIAN CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER +JOHN DAVIS IN YOUR PRAYERS

+John Davis, 69, uncle of Fr. Robert, passed away on January 7, 2022. Fr. Robert will celebrate the Funeral Services for his Uncle Jack on Wednesday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m. in SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the parish Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to SS. Peter and Paul Church, 519 Union Avenue, Bridgeport, PA 19405. May his memory be Eternal – Vichnaya Yomu Pamyat!

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidluskyy, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Jane O'Shea, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turcek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

In today's Gospel we hear the announcement of the "Kingdom of Heaven." With this announcement, Jesus begins his public ministry in which he will exercise his kingship by reclaiming dominion over his creation and most importantly reclaiming his dominion over man who is made in his image and likeness. The great Biblical scholar Origen explains that "The kingdom of heaven" is not in a place but in disposition. For it is "within" us." Just as with any earthly kingdom, so with the heavenly kingdom, the citizens of the kingdom are invited to obey the King and follow the laws set out by the king for the common good of the entire kingdom. We who accept the invitation to divine citizenship are invited to do just this, to accept Jesus as the King of our life and to begin to live our life in accord with the laws of His divine kingdom. And what are those laws? For Jesus, and for we who call him our King, our law is simply the law of love – to love God above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves.