

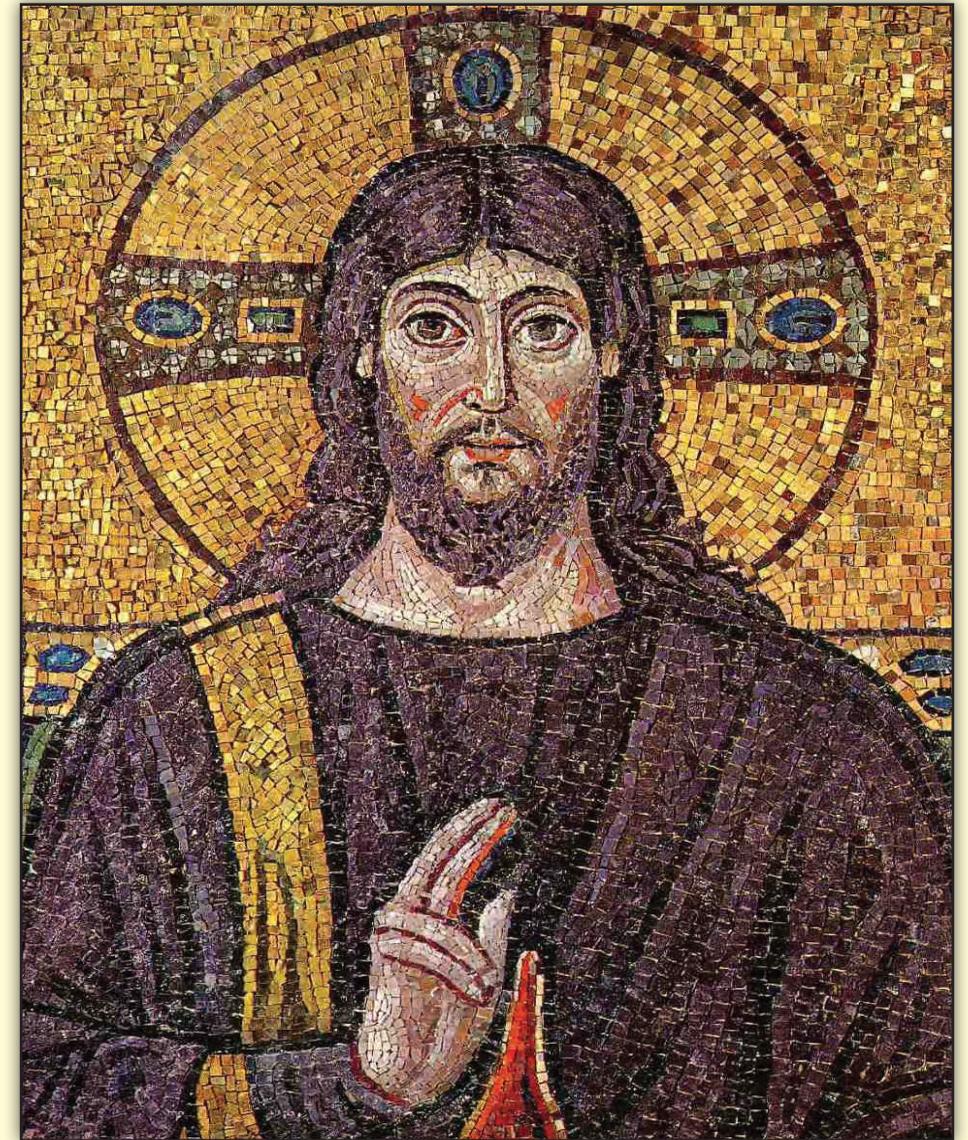
SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

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



Icon of Christ Pantocrator

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Sunday – January 8, 2023

Христос Рождається! Славимо Його! * Christ is born! Glorify Him!

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

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| Sunday January 8 **10:30 a.m.** | Sunday after the Theophany (For the Parish) |
| Wednesday January 11 9:00 a.m. | (Peace in Ukraine from Irene Nagurny) |
| Thursday January 12 9:00 a.m. | (+Damian Fedoryka from Danylo and Family) |
| Friday January 13 9:00 a.m. | (+Sean O'Reilly from Bob Wiesner) |
| Sunday January 15 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. | (+Mark Hitchens from Family) (For the Parish) |

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES TO BEGIN SUNDAY JANUARY 15

We will soon start our parish catechism classes for those children intending to make First Confession in 2023. Classes will be held on Sunday between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM), beginning on January 15. First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 1, 2023). Classes will not be held on January 22 and February 19. All children must be attending Divine Liturgy. If you have children of First Confession age in your family, we ask you to please contact Olya Kroytor Mulvey by email at olya.kroytor@gmail.com

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES CHILDREN 3-6

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Preschool Eastern Christian Formation/Catechism classes held every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 10:15-11:15. Email Lindsey at lfrechou22@gmail.com with any questions and to register. Classes will be held on: January 15, 29 - February 12, 26 - March 12, 26 - April 2, 23 - May 7, 21. May 21

TODAY Sunday January 8 Parish Christmas Dinner-Prosfora

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Only

Prosfora – Christmas Dinner \$10 adults \$5 college students \$0 youth (0-18)

HOUSE BLESSING 2023

We will begin blessing houses shortly after Theophany. Please fill out the invitation form if you would like us to come. Please remember to have a candle lit and to lead the priest around the house where you would like him to bless. Please remember that we are coming to bless your house. We are not nosy or inspecting. We simply bring the Jordan Water to sanctify your home for the New Year. Also, please turn off all TV's, Sound Systems, games and other distractions. An offering is traditionally given to the priest.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Bishop John Bura, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, and 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

The Feast of Theophany is a celebration of an historic event, the Baptism of Christ. In addition, we celebrate all the different manifestations of God (Theophanies) to men in the Person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. We celebrate in this Feast His mysterious union with humanity in the Church - a union of faith and love, engendering men to a new spiritual life in Baptism. The event of the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River (Mark 1: 9-11) serves to reveal this union in a clear and special manner. In accordance with the Gospel this is the first revelation of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - the Holy Trinity. The icon brings this revelation to us. At the top of the icon, the opening of heaven is symbolized by the segment of a circle. This circle signifies God's presence and witness at the event. Emanating from the circle are rays of light surrounding the Holy Spirit, depicted in the figure of a dove descending upon our Savior Who is being baptized in the Jordan by John. In this graphic manner, the Father and the Holy Spirit give testimony to the appearance of the Son of God in the flesh among mankind.