

January 6, 2019  
Theophany of our Lord



**SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Divine Services for the Week:**

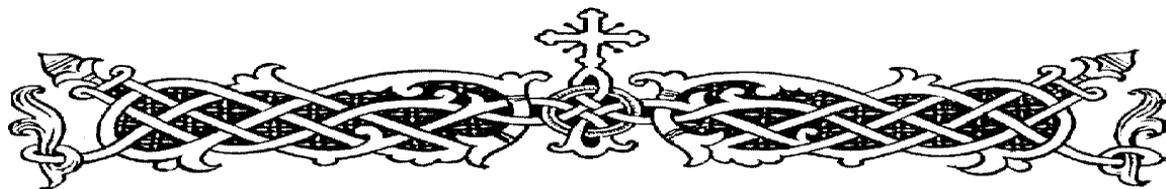
**SUN., JAN. 6** THEOPHANY of our LORD, Great Blessing of the Waters  
8:00 A.M. Holy Rosary  
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY  
+ Anna George, offered by Patsy D'Eramo

**SUN., JAN. 13** SUNDAY after THEOPHANY  
8:00 A.M. Holy Rosary  
8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY  
+ Anna George, offered by Ed & Isabel Maruhnich

**In Case of Emergency...**

If you are in need of a priest due to illness or emergency please feel free to call Father Robert Karl, Fr. Bob, at 814-541-3092.

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**Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:**

Jan. 6: Sarah Mingrino, Jan. 10: Todd Foister, Anne Gural, Jesse Sirko,  
Jan. 11: Dianne Ketterer,

**Wedding Anniversaries Last Week:**

None for the week

**Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins**

**HOME** – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

**Hunter's Care Home** (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

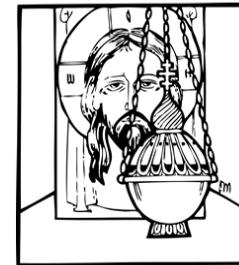
**West Hills Health & Rehab Center** (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

**Beaver Meadows** (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Paul Valiga, Angie Yuhasz

**Epistle Readers** – Jan. 6: Jo Ann Hersh – Jan. 13:

Ushers – Jan. 6: E. Maruhnich/R. Mudron – Jan. 13:

Troica Holders – Jan. 6: M. Bobanic – Jan. 13:



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

**January 6 – 12, 2019**

*Burns before the real presence of our Lord*

In Loving Memory of:

**Louis Rossi**

Offered By:

Isabel and Ed Maruhnich



“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Cor 9:7)

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**Seasonal Christian Greeting for the Theophany Feast**

The greeting that we salute each other with through January 14 is *Christ is Baptized!* The response is *In the Jordan!* And in Slavonic, *Christos Krescajetsja!* With the response *Vo Jordani!* Let us glorify the Lord this festive season by greeting and responding with this salutation.

**Pirohi Project this Week**

Our next pirohi sale will this Friday, January 11. Work schedule is as follows: **Monday and Tuesday 9:00 A.M. – till finished and Thursday beginning at 9:00 A.M. till finished. Friday, the day of the sale, come any time in the morning to help.** Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Also, **remember to purchase your dinner from our pirohi sales the second Friday of every month.** We can't do this project without your help and support. Spread the word and come and help! *Thank you!*

**Super Bowl LIII Pool Fundraiser**

We will again have a Super Bowl pool fundraiser this year. "Squares" can be purchased for \$10 each with prize giveaways based on the scores at the end of the first quarter, half-time, third quarter, and final score. Dollar amounts of prizes will be based on percentages of amount sold. Half the collection benefits our St. George Church, the other half goes to the winnings based on the percentages below. The Super Bowl will be on Sunday, February 3. We will start selling squares next week. Ask family and friends to participate. We need to sell 100 squares. *Thank you!*



Prizes	Percentage	If all squares sell
Q1	12.5%	.....\$62.50
Half	25%	.....\$125.00
Q3	12.5%	.....\$62.50
Final	50%	.....\$250.00

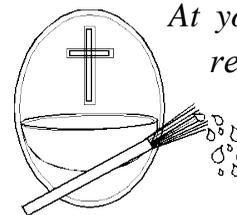
The final payout is based on the final score, after any overtime.

**WELCOME**

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served! We invite everyone to join us in our café.



**ECF classes will resume Sunday, January 13.**



*At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to you!*

## ***Theophany of our Lord***

**Matthew 3:13-17** - *Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

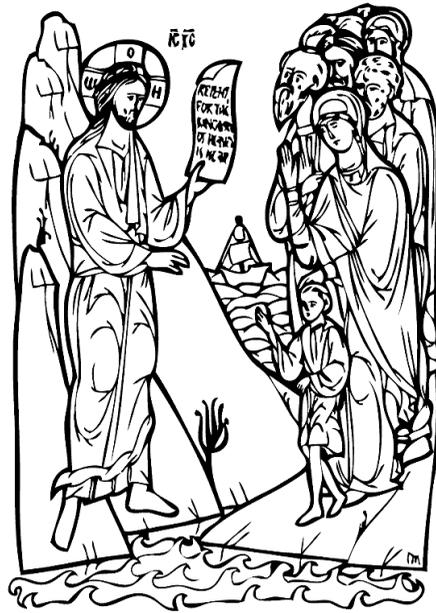
**Lamb and Redeemer** – John’s baptism was looking toward repentance. Its purpose was to bring hearers to the point of experiencing conviction for their offenses. John, however, did not want anyone to draw the conclusion that Jesus himself also came to the Jordan to repent of his sins. So he sets this point straight from the outset by calling him both Lamb and Redeemer of all the sin that is in the world. He who is able to take away the sins of the whole world was himself without sin.

*(St. John Chrysostom, Commentary on Matthew)*

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### **Receive Him**

John’s preaching of repentance was not precisely the same as the preaching of Jesus, yet the Savior preaches in ways commensurable with John, for there is one God who sent them both. John first says “repent” in order to make ready a “people prepared” for God. Jesus, when he has received a people who have been made ready and who have already repented, does not merely say to them “Repent.” For he does not preach in competition with the law and the prophets. When John had fulfilled the old covenant, Jesus “began to preach” the new, being himself the beginning of it. For this reason the words “he began” are not written of John, for he was an end. Moreover, the one preaches in the wilderness, the other in the midst of the people.



## ***Post-Festive Days of the Theophany of Our Lord***

**Then** Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! for it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.

**Led by the Spirit** – The text says “then”. Then when? This was after the descent of the Spirit, after the voice that was borne from above had said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Led by whom? This is marvelous. All of this was led by the Holy Spirit. For it says Jesus was “led up by the Spirit.” All this was for our instruction. The Lord does whatever is necessary for our salvation by both acting and being acted upon. He submitted himself to being led up there to wrestle against the devil. Now we should not be too troubled if, after our baptism, we too have to endure great temptations. We should not treat this as if unexpected but continue to endure all things nobly, as though it were happening in the natural course of things.

*(St. John Chrysostom, Commentary on Matthew)*

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### **Wisdom from the Church Fathers**

*God is a fire that warms and kindles the heart and inward parts. Hence, if we feel in our hearts the cold that comes from the devil - for the devil is cold - let us call on the Lord. He will come to warm our hearts with perfect love, not only for Him but also for our neighbor, and the cold of him who hates the good will flee before the heat of His countenance.*

*St. Seraphim of Sarov*

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.....Fridays following 6:00 P.M. Liturgy.  
Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office.  
Holy Mystery of Anointing .....Ask prior to surgery or serious illness.  
Holy Mystery of Marriage .....Contact the church office eight months prior to wedding.  
Religious Education Classes.....September through May, following Sunday Divine liturgy.  
Pirohi Sales ..... 2nd Friday of each month  
St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club..... Everyone welcome to participate.

