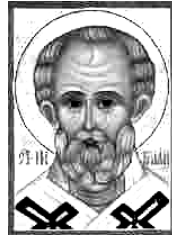


January 11, 2009
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Sunday After the Baptism of Christ (Theophany)

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, January 14th – 6:30 PM

Daily Vespers

Wednesday, January 14th – 7:00 PM

Bible Study

Saturday, January 17th - 5:00 PM

Great Vespers

Sunday, January 18th – 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

The 2009 Calendars and Envelopes are now available at the candle kiosk.

Our next Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be January 21/22, 2009. Order forms can be obtained at the Candle Kiosk.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009, following Divine Liturgy. Anyone who is interested in serving on Church Council should contact Nathan Graff, John Kowalcheck or Michelle Bittner.

It's time again to update the Church directory! Please see Kristie Mertz if any changes have been made to your contact information. Additionally, we would like everyone to have their picture taken so that we can publish a new church directory for 2009. Photographs will be taken starting in 2009.

March for Life -January 22, 2009 in Washington, D.C. The Pittsburgh/Youngstown Orthodox bus will leave from the Park 'n Ride in Cranberry at 5:30AM, and return around 9PM. Cost is \$40 per person. Breakfast will be provided; Pack your own lunch, and they will stop for dinner on the way back. Thousands attend every year, and this is an opportunity to travel with fellow-Orthodox and stand up for the sanctity of human life. There are only a few seats available, so please make your reservations quickly. For more information, and to make reservations, contact Jim Tsikouris at JamesTsikouris@live.com or 330-519-1122, or Emmanuel Maginas at CampNazFanatic@verizon.net or 724-251-9355 as soon as possible.

Orthodox Christianity is Pro –Life! Abortion stops a beating heart! Speak for the unborn who cannot speak for themselves!

Anyone who wishes to have their home blessed should see Fr Tom to schedule an appointment.

Do you like to ice skate? Then join us at Orthodox Day at the PPG Ice Rink on Sunday, January 25th beginning at 2:00 PM. All ages are welcomed. Tickets (\$13 per person) must be ordered by Friday, January 16th. Contact Elizabeth Goehring at 412-369-7098 or elizabethgoehring@gmail.com.

The next Church School will be held on Saturday, February 7th.

Congratulations to Juliana and Jeff Hollowood on the birth of their son, Vaughn Joshua, who was born on Monday, December 28th. May God grant them many years!

Special Donations:

Steve and April Pituch (\$100) on the occasion of the baptism of their son, Alexander.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Carol Kowalcheck. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Juliana, Jeff & (grandson) Vaughn Joshua, Kyra, Shane, Dominic & (great nephew) Elijah Joseph, Carol Kowalcheck, Tom Robes and Dolly Lyle. **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Richard Shancey; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of Grandson, Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Diane Zeroniski and David Zeroniski. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the health of my father, John Naiser on his 78th birthday and family & friends. **From Raisa Burd** for the departed servants, Agrippina, Stepan, Nina, Zinovi, Vladimir, Vassili, Mat. Olga, Fr. Vladimir, Peter, Christja; for the health of Polina, Roman, Marina, Vladimir, Yevgeniy, Raisa, Tatyana, Alexandra, Valentina, Ludmila, Natalia and all our relatives and friends. **From Dn. Joe & Mat. Nancy** for the departed servants, Eleanor Karavlan and Nikolai Gretchko; for the health of Carol Kowalcheck. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, Nicholas, Nicholas, Waslow, Ann, Walter, Ann, John & Tom; for the health of Carol, Amelia & family, Andrea & family, Richard & family; congratulations Donya & Paul & new grandson; Juliana & Jeff for their new son; community of St. Nicholas Parish; men & women serving our country; special intentions.

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Tone 5 *Troparion of the Resurrection*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
Co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin.
For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh
to endure death and to raise the dead,
by His glorious resurrection.

Tone 1 *Troparion of the Feast*

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest!
For the voice of the Father bear witness to Thee,
calling Thee 'His beloved Son,'
and the Spirit, in the form of a dove,
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ our God who hast revealed Thyself,
And hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Tone 5 *Kontakion of the Resurrection*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man and we all cry to Thee, O Lord, save us!

Tone 4 *Kontakion of the Feast*

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, hast shone on us,
Who with understanding, praise Thee: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,
O Light Unapproachable!

Tone 1 *Prokeimenon of the Postfeast (Psalm 33)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

Epistle of the Postfeast (Ephesians 4:7-13)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ...

Gospel of the Postfeast (Matthew 4:12-17)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Hymn to the Theotokos of the Feast

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!
No tongue is capable of praising you worthily;
the angelic mind is over-awed in exalting you, O Theotokos!
But accept our faith, since you are gracious and know our divine love.
You are the Protectress of Christians and we praise you!

Communion Hymn (Titus 1:11 and Psalm 148)

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. Alleluia!
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

Welcome to our visitors!

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians
who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,
non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross
and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.
Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.*