

SUNDAY BEFORE THE
THEOPHANY/EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



Icon of the Theophany of Our Lord -- January 6th

January 3, 2021 – SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Tone 6 - 2 Tim 4:5-8; Mk 1:1-8

Sat. Jan. 2 Saturday Before Theophany

4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Livestream)

Sun. Jan. 3 Sunday Before Theophany

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Rosary – (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Mon. Jan. 4 Synaxis of the 7- Apostles

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Tues. Jan. 5 Vigil of Theophany – Day of Strict Fast

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
12 Noon Royal Hours (Livestream)
6:00 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with The Great Blessing of the Jordan Water (Livestream)

Wed. Jan. 6 Theophany of Our Lord

8:00 am Festal Matins (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Thur. Jan. 7 Synaxis of John the Baptist

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Fri. Jan. 8 George, Dominica, and Emilian - Venerables

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Sat. Jan. 9 Saturday After Theophany

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Livestream)

Sun. Jan. 10 Sunday After Theophany

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Rosary – (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

MASK REQUIRED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS: Masks are mandatory for anyone attending Divine Liturgies. (Exceptions are those with health issues that prohibit wearing a mask and children ten and under.) We ask that you cooperate with this request. If you are uncomfortable wearing a mask or simply “uncomfortable” being inside the church we continue to provide the services on livestream for you to watch from home (www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV – PARMA).

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY (ALL): All are invited to join in as we pray the rosary together



before the Sunday, 9:30 am Divine Liturgy each week at the Cathedral.

We will pray the rosary together in church as a group. Please plan on

joining us, adults and children are encouraged to attend as we will be

praying the joyful mysteries! Those who are at home may pray along

with the Livestream.

DIRECTIONS FOR BLESSING OF

HOLY WATER: This year, due to Covid-19, blessing of holy water will be a little different than in the past.

Please bring your own container filled with water and labeled with your last name, to church on January 5th. Place your container on the table provided in church. When Bishop

2021 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES AND CALENDARS (ALL): 2021 Donation Envelopes for all parishioners of the Cathedral, Holy Spirit, and St. Mary Church are ready for pick up at the Cathedral building in the Bridal Room (located in the back of church near the restrooms). The boxes of envelopes are grouped by church and are in alphabetical order. If you do not see your box, please call the parish office at (440) 884-8452. Liturgical calendars are also available, compliments of our local Funeral Homes.

Summary of the survey for three parishes (continued)

5. Do you have children attending Church?

- a. Yes: List ages
 - A. Adult 23
 - B. Toddler 1
 - C. Children 4
 - D. Teen 7
- b. No 56
- c. We have no children 25

6. If your children are married does their family attend your Parish Church?

- a. Yes 12
- b. No 51
- c. N/A 63

7. Are you aware that for the last several Sunday's collections for your church do not cover the cost of monthly utilities, upkeep and maintenance?

- a. Yes 90
- b. No 48

8. Do you support fundraisers?

- a. Yes support financially 98
- b. Yes support with participation 59
- c. Yes support with volunteering services 48
- d. I would support future fundraisers 34
- e. No, I do not support 11

9. Would you be able to increase your weekly offering in the next year?

- a. Yes 58
- b. No 46

10. Are you aware of an online giving option?

- a. Yes 102
- b. No 30

ONLINE YOUTH SESSION: The Eparchy of Parma Youth Committee invites all teens and young adults to our online Youth Sessions titled "I WILL COME TO YOU". Give us 45 minutes of your time and share with us how you live out the faith in your community. We will see each other for the first time on January 9, 2020. Our seminarian candidates who are studying at the International Theological Institute will tell you how the vibrant community and strong Byzantine presence that they are experiencing are strengthening their spiritual life. More information can be found at <http://parma.org>

The 2020/21 Annual Stewardship Appeal: A blessed Theophany to you! Have you considered your pledge to this year's Stewardship Appeal? The Eparchy of Parma relies on your continued support to provide for our various programs and outreaches. Please make your pledge today! Visit us online at parma.org/2021appeal to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity.



AM 1260 The Rock Mass of the Month for Intentions of Our Listeners and Benefactors

AM 1260 The Rock is having a monthly Mass said for YOU- our listeners and benefactors. This is a new initiative at The Rock. We will have a monthly Mass said at different churches around Northeast Ohio. All are welcome to attend Mass as we offer prayers for you, our listeners, and donors. The January Mass is at St. Ignatius of Antioch on Monday, January 25th at 5:30 PM. Our February Mass is at St. Charles Borromeo on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM. Our March Mass will be at Mary Queen of Peace on Tuesday, March 9th at 8:00 AM. Please join us if you can! Visit am1260therock.com for future masses as they are scheduled.

PRAY DAILY - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it.

The devil tries to

eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,* Son of God,* have mercy on me* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you. **-OR-**

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL): Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

Watch the livestream at www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube

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If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS
December 27, 2020**

Cathedral Parish	-	<u>\$1,341.00</u>	<u>\$ 110.00</u> Online Giving
Holy Spirit Parish	-	<u>\$1,909.00</u>	<u>\$ 378.00</u> Online Giving
St. Mary's Parish	-	<u>\$3,869.00</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u> Online Giving

*Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust?
Thank you and may God reward your generosity!*

St. Mary Church 250 Club Winner – 12/27/2020

#48 Mark Stibora - Captain, Mark Stibora

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's – John Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmond; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Larry Lantz; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Joseph Popik; Eleen Reese; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

Cathedral – Theresa Dorony; Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank Lizanich; Carol Morin.

Holy Spirit – Violet Kassay, Carol Marino, Margaret Girman, Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich; Michelle Zubovich-Simon.

Call Fr. Bruce Riebe at (440) 526-1818 for **Emergency Sick Call Visits**

St. Mary's Church, 4600 State Rd, Cleveland (SM) Phone: 216.741.7979

www.stmarybyz.com

St. John's Cathedral, 1900 Carlton Rd, Parma (CATH) Phone: 216.661.8658

Holy Spirit Church, 5500 West 54th St., Parma (HS) Phone: 440.884.8452

Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES held at the Cathedral and Livestream at parma.org:

Saturday: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am and 5 pm Divine Liturgy; 4 pm Great Vespers

Sunday: 8 am Matins; 9:30 am and 11 am Divine Liturgy; 3 pm Vespers

HOLY DAY SERVICES: 7 am Festal Matins; 8 am Divine Liturgy (6 pm Great Vespers with Litija the evening before the holy day)

DAILY SERVICES: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am Divine Liturgy; 5 pm Vespers

Celebrating Theophany Every Day

The Feast of Christ's Theophany (or Epiphany) is celebrated with great solemnity in the Byzantine Church. The word "theophany" means a divine "manifestation" or "revealing." Jesus of Nazareth - a carpenter - was revealed on the banks of the Jordan River to be the Son of God and the long-awaited Messiah - the "Christ." A voice came from the heavens that said, "This is My beloved Son, My favor rests on Him." (Matthew 3: 17)

Let us imagine ourselves standing on the banks of the River Jordan. We are witnessing the baptism of Jesus at the hands of Saint John the Baptist and the revelation of Jesus as God in the flesh. What a privilege that would have been!

Yet, God is revealed to us each and every

day. God manifests Himself to us not just on the banks of the River Jordan but at the bus stop, the grocery store, and in the work place. His image is within each of us. He is in our co-workers, our spouses, our children - even in our enemies.

The real challenge of Christian discipleship is to endeavor to see the image of Christ in all people and to allow them to see that same Godly image within us. The celebration of the Great Feast of Theophany is not a one-day occasion commemorating an event that took place some two thousand years ago. Rather, it is living, day-to-day, the conviction that God is within each human being, and that each human being ought to be treated as though he or she is the living image of Christ.