

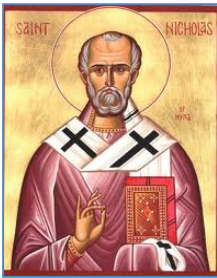
HOLY THEOPHANY ORTHODOX CHAPEL

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”
Matthew 28:19

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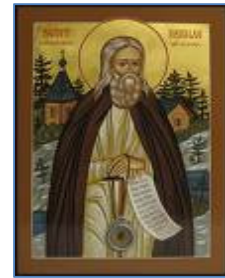
Welcome to Holy Theophany Orthodox Chapel. We invite you to join us in prayer and worship, so that we can share the mission of proclaiming the saving message of Jesus Christ.



St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia



The Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ



St. Herman of Alaska



Location of Services: Holy Theophany Chapel, N2107 State Road 67, Walworth, WI 53184



Schedule of Services for December 2015 / January 2016

- **27th Sunday after Pentecost, (11th of Luke), December 6, 2015 10:00AM** Sunday Service – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Tone 2 ° [Epistle: Eph. 6:10-17, Gospel: Luke 17:12-19]
- **28th Sunday after Pentecost, (12th of Luke), December 13, 2015 10:00AM** Sunday Service – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Sunday of the Forefathers, Repose of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of all America, Tone 3 ° [Epistle: Col. 3:4-11 (Forefathers), Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 (Forefathers)]
- **29th Sunday after Pentecost, (13th of Luke), December 20, 2015 10:00AM** Sunday Service – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ, Sunday before the Nativity, Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch, Tone 4 ° [Epistle: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 (Sunday Before), Gospel: Matt. 1:1-25 (Sunday Before)]
- **Christmas Eve, December 24, 2015 5:00 PM** Vespers Liturgy
- **30th Sunday after Pentecost, (14th of Luke), December 27, 2015 10:00AM** Sunday Service – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Sunday After the Nativity of Christ, Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord, Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen, Tone 5 ° [Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19 (Sunday After), Gospel: Matt. 2:13-23 (Sunday After)]
- **31st Sunday after Pentecost, January 3, 2016 10:00AM** Sunday Service – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Sunday Before the Theophany, Forefeast of the Theophany, Holy Prophet Malachi, Martyr Gordius, Tone 6 ° [Epistle: 2 Tim. 4:5-8 (Sunday Before), Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday Before)]

Keeping the Nativity Fast - From the Bulletin of S.S. Cyril & Methodius

- 1) Be consistent and regular in prayer
- 2) Confess sometime during this season
- 3) Keep the fast as best you can
- 4) Do these things in order prepare for the feasts of the appearing of the Lord, the birth and the Baptism of Christ

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” Galatians 4:4-7

Commentary: “And so my brothers, the feast of the Nativity of Christ reminds us that we are born of God, that we are sons of God (1 John 3:1), that we have been saved from sin (Matt. 1:21) and that we must live for God and not sin; not for flesh and blood, not for the world which lives in evil (1 John 5:19). What does the Incarnation of the Son of God require of us? It requires of us to remember and hold in sacred honor the fact that we are born of God; and if we have sullied and trampled upon this birthright with our sins, we must restore it by washing it with tears of repentance; we must restore and renew within us the image of God which has fallen and the union with God and blessedness, truth and holiness which has been destroyed. ‘Now God became man, so that man might become god’ (Stichera for lauds of Annunciation). St. John of Kronstadt

Important Events:

- **Sunday, December 13, 2015** – 9:45 AM General Confession before Divine Liturgy
- **Save the Date - Friday, January 8, 2016** – 6:00 PM Great Vespers followed by The Great Blessing of Water
- **Save the Date - Saturday, January 9, 2016 (Nameday Celebration)** - 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Holy Theophany Chapel N 2107 State Road 67, Walworth, WI 53184; Blessing of the Waters (Geneva Lake); Luncheon and Dive for the Cross immediately following at: Abbey Springs, 822 South Lakeshore Drive, Fontana, WI. RSVP by January 4, 2016, phone (262) 275-0449, e-mail: mklesmith@charter.net. His Grace, Bishop Paul (OCA Diocese of the Midwest) will be present at both our Great Vespers and Nameday Celebration.

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