



HOLY THEOPHANY ORTHODOX CHURCH “

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

“The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins. Nothing is so joyous in our life as the thanksgiving that we experience in the Church. In the Church, the joyful sustain their joy. In the Church, those worried acquire merriment, and those saddened, joy. In the Church, the troubled find relief, and the heavy-laden, rest.” ~St John Chrysostom

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

Schedule of Services for January 2023

[All services (except Reader's Vespers) will be live-streamed unless otherwise noted. Hours for Sunday Liturgy start at 9:40 AM.]

- **Sunday January 1, 2023 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (This is the Feastday for St. Basil)**
- **Friday January 6, 2023 10:00 AM - Holy Theophany - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by Great Blessing of Water**
- **Sunday January 8, 2023 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**
- **Saturday January 14, 2023 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom - Nameday Festivities**
- **Sunday January 15, 2023 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**
- **Wednesday January 18, 2023 5:30 PM - Vespertal Liturgy – St. Macarius of Egypt**
- **Saturday January 21, 2023 5:00 PM - Reader's Vespers**
- **Sunday January 22, 2023 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**
- **Tuesday January 24, 2023 5:30 PM - Vespertal Liturgy - St. Gregory the Theologian**
- **Saturday January 28, 2023 5:00 PM - Reader's Vespers**
- **Sunday January 29, 2023 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

Looking Ahead to February / Complete Schedule Later

- **Wednesday February 1, 2023 5:30 PM - Vespertal Liturgy - The Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple**
- **Saturday February 18, 2023 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom - Memorial Saturday (Soul Saturday)**
- **Sunday February 19, 2023 - Chicago Deanery Winter Camp attendees coming to Holy Theophany for the Divine Liturgy. Lunch will be provided by Holy Theophany.**

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Nameday celebration Friday, January 6 and Saturday January 14, 2023

Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Friday, January 6, 10 AM: Divine Liturgy followed by Great Blessing of the Water

Nameday Festivities: Saturday, January 14

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM

Blessing of Geneva Lake, Luncheon and Dive for the Cross immediately following at:

Abbey Springs/ 822 South Lakeshore Drive, Fontana, WI.

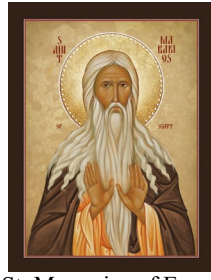
(Anyone wishing to participate in the dive for the cross please bring bathing suit)

RSVP for Sat. Jan 14 Festivities by January 4, 2023

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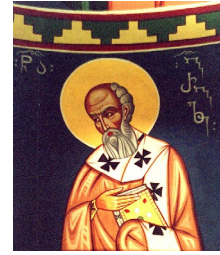
Theophany of Christ



St. Marcarius of Egypt



St. Anthony the Great



St Gregory the Theologian

As you know, we traditionally do home blessings after the Feast of Theophany.

Here are three scheduled times that Fr George and I have selected:

- Monday, January 16 -- 12:30 PM until about 5 PM (This is the state and Federal Holiday for MLK Day.)
- Saturday, January 28, 12:30 PM to 4.30 PM; and Saturday, Feb 4. 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

Please let Fr John know by Thursday, Jan 12 by 4 PM if possible so he can organize thing if you would like your house blessed. Fr John's contact info at bottom of page. Email, call, or text him.

If these dates do not work for you, provide another date(s) and we will be happy to try to schedule something. Dates can be chosen through the end of February. Make sure to provide address and contact information.

Thanks for service to Holy Theophany Church in November December 2022! *Cleaning the Church and Parish Hall:*

Filitsa Amirsakis, Olga Buranicz, Mary Kanelos; *Prospophora Bread:* Filitsa Amirsakis, Mary Kanelos; *Music/chanting:* Aaron Lush, Robert Lush, Joe & Kristy Danna; Maria, David, & Sofia Klesmith, and everyone who participates in community singing during our services; *Stewardship:* Thanks to everyone who provides financial support for us; *Reading:* Pres. Eileen, Christopher Thies, Damian Constantinescu, Maria Condos, Robert and Aaron Lush, Kristy Danna, Maria, Sofia Klesmith; *Service in the sanctuary:* David Klesmith and Christopher Thies; *Setting up for services (distributing material, etc.):* Mary Kanelos, Pres. Eileen and Pres. Anastasia; *Coffee Hour:* Maria & David Klesmith, Mary Kanelos, Filitsa Amirsakis, Kristy Danna, Bessie Mantes, Maria Condos and everyone who provides food or beverages. *Christmas Outreach Project:* David, Maria, and Sophia Klesmith; Juliana and Damian Constantinescu, Renee Cerny, Christopher and Diedre Thies, Katherine and Mitch Celik, Pres. Eileen. Sincere apologies if we overlooked anyone.

Pastoral reflection: *The Feast of the Theophany and Baptism of the Lord* is a marvelous feast of the hospitality of Christ and the Trinity towards us. Hospitality (*philoxenia*) literally means a love of strangers. Showing hospitality to strangers—all strangers—was a common expectation throughout much of the ancient world. A chief mark of hospitality was that hosts invited strangers into their dwellings to provide for them and offer fellowship to them (e.g., Abraham in Gen. 18).

To hospitably welcome us into His own dwelling place, the Kingdom of God, Christ first enters our dwelling place through his Incarnation. However, despite its created beauty and goodness, our dwelling place, corrupted by sinfulness, is a place where we become estranged from God through our sins. So, Christ's Theophany and Baptism is a major event in His work to welcome us home by ending our estrangement from Him so that we can become the persons He created us to be: living icons of Christ. At his Baptism, He descends into the River Jordan and takes upon Himself all of the brokenness of our world. The Holy Spirit descends upon Him; the waters are sanctified.

Christ's Baptism prefigures the gift of the sacrament or mystery of Baptism that He gives us through the Church. The water in which we are baptized is sanctified and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to set us on the journey to return home with Christ and the Trinity. Christ and the Trinity show the same hospitality to each of us throughout our lives within the Church and the sacraments; and simply being with and for us throughout our lives: God after all is closer to us than we are to ourselves (St Augustine) and as St. John Chrysostom observed "God loves us more than a father, mother, friend, or any else could love, and even more than we are able to love ourselves."

Through worship and a Christlike hospitality to others, give thanks to the hospitality the Trinity and Christ have shown to you. In Christ, Fr John

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