



January 3, 2010

THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5
Sunday Before the Theophany—Forefeast of the Theophany
Holy Prophet Malachi; Martyr Gordius at Caesarea in Cappadocia; Ven. Genevieve of Paris

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠

Tues, Jan 5 **EVE OF THE THEOPHANY (Strict Fast Day)**
9:00 a.m. Hieromartyr Theopemptus and Martyr Theonas; Ven. Syncretica of Alexandria
Vespers Liturgy Epistle: 1 Cor 9:19-27 Gospel: Luke 3:1-18
7:00 p.m. Grand Compline, Matins & Great Blessing of Water

Wed, Jan 6 **THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Great Blessing of Water)**
9:00 a.m. Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Gospel: Matt 3:13-17
Divine Liturgy

Thurs, Jan 7 **Afterfeast of the Theophany—Synaxis of St. John the Baptist**
9:00 a.m. Reading: Acts 19:1-8 Gospel: John 1:29-34
Divine Liturgy *(Following Liturgy, there will be a 40th day Panhida for Sophie Husaim offered by the Burak Family.)*

Sat, Jan 9 5:00 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by General Confession

Sun, Jan 10 **31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 6**
9:00 a.m. **Sunday After the Theophany—Afterfeast of the Theophany;** St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; St. Dometian,
Divine Liturgy Bishop of Melitene
Epistle: Eph 4:7-13 Gospel: Matt 4:12-17

✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠

There will be **NO Church School** today; all classes will resume **next Sunday, January 10**.

Parish Council will meet on **Monday, January 4**, at 7 p.m., in the hall.

Prophora (Holy Bread) Baking will be held in the hall on **Saturday, January 9**, at 9 a.m. Everyone with a heart and passion to serve the Lord God and others is welcome to participate, for this activity is a way to be mindful of all that we really are called to offer Him. Come!

The **Senior R Club** will meet at the Deerson home **next Sunday, January 10**, following Liturgy.

The **Altar Society** will meet in the church hall on **Monday, January 11**, at 6 p.m.

An **Open House**, with the blessing of the rectory, will be hosted by the Garretson Family on **Monday, January 11**, from 7-9 p.m. Fr. David, Matushka Shari and their daughters, Meredith & Fiona, are looking forward to welcoming all parishioners to their home. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Meredith via phone (732-735-3593) or E-mail (MeredithGarretson@gmail.com) by **Thursday, January 7**.

L’Affaire Extraordinaire, an evening of culinary instruction, dining and wine pairing, will be held in the hall on **Saturday, January 16**, at 7 p.m. (*Great Vespers will be served at 6 p.m.*) This fundraising event to benefit *St. Andrew’s Camp* in Jewell, NY will feature a five-course French filet mignon dinner prepared by three professional chefs; one was trained in France and the other two graduated from the *Culinary Institute of America*. This dining experience will be accompanied by live entertainment and raffle drawings, including a 50/50, kitchen appliances & tools, entertaining ware, restaurant gift certificates, wines and chocolates. The tickets are \$50 each; please contact Kathy Cooper (732-986-5914) or Natasha Rogozenski (908-420-3210) to purchase yours. Seating is limited to only 150, so make your reservation soon! (*For more information or to contribute via Paypal/credit card, visit www.standrewscamp.org on the Web.*)

A **Pancake Breakfast** will be served on **Sunday, January 17**, in lieu of *Coffee Hour*. The meal will be prepared by the visiting chefs of the **L’Affaire Extraordinaire** fundraiser taking place the prior evening (see above). This post-New Year, pre-Lenten breakfast will be a delicious way to warm up during these cold winter days. Additional details to follow.

It’s once again time for the **Senior R Club Annual Ski Weekend**. Whether you are an expert or a beginner, come join in all the excitement! This year’s three-day excursion to Lake Placid-Whiteface Mountain will be held **Friday-Sunday, January 22-24**. Total cost is only \$250, including all taxes and gratuities. (*All lunches, ski lift tickets and ski rentals are excluded.*) The bus will depart from the church’s main parking lot on Friday **promptly** at 3 p.m. and arrive home on Sunday around 10 p.m. Non-skiers are also welcome to attend and explore the village of Lake Placid, enjoy the activities on the lake, watch the skiers or just relax. For details, contact Carol Deerson (732-254-4979) or see the flyer posted on the bulletin board near the hall kitchen.

As part of a “*Get to Know Us Tour*” around the diocese before his consecration in May, our bishop-elect, **Fr. Michael Dahulich**, will be visiting our parish on **Saturday-Sunday, January 30-31**. Other than an expanded Coffee Hour after Liturgy, this will be a very low-key event. Father Michael is coming to meet with us and to listen to what our desires and concerns are regarding the present and future of this God-protected community as a parish within the *Diocese of New York & New Jersey*. Mark your calendars for this very special weekend.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in the hall on **Sunday, February 7**, following Coffee Hour. Every family in the parish should be represented at this gathering. (*In the event of bad weather, the meeting will be rescheduled for Sunday, February 28.*)

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S GRACE Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **128**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Reader Michael Steffaro**.

COFFEE HOUR REQUEST There is an urgent need for volunteers for this ministry this month. Please contact Father David or Starosta if you are able to help on at least one Sunday. Unfortunately, if no one comes forward, the Coffee Hour will have to be **CANCELLED**.

GENERAL CONFESSION Because of *L’Affaire Extraordinaire* on the 16th, General Confession will resume on **Saturday, January 9**, following Vespers. Remember that this sacrament is usually held on the **first** and **third** Saturdays of the month. (*Please refer to **The Week in Worship & Study** in the bulletin for any changes.*) If you regularly commune, you can participate on whichever weekend is more convenient. You are **NOT** required to go twice a month—only once—and if you are in need of a private/personal confession, Fr. David is available on Saturday afternoons, starting at 5 p.m.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be generated this year **UPON REQUEST ONLY**. If you would like one for income tax purposes, please put your name on the sign-up sheet that will be available **next Sunday** at the Candle Desk.

FOR THE RECORD In last Sunday’s bulletin under the *Prayer List*, we incorrectly stated that **Chrise Murrell** is the goddaughter of Helene Christie. This was a mistake; she is the goddaughter of **Helene Titsch**. We regret the error and sincerely apologize to all parties involved.

FOR YOUR INFO A moving and inspirational video showing the beauty of Orthodoxy can be seen on www.youtube.com. It is called *The Orthodox Church – A Visual Journey*. Check it out!

OUR SINCERE THANKS to the **Men’s Club** for its Christmas and fuel offerings to the church. May God bless this organization for its generosity.

BEST WISHES to **Harry Durovich** and **Edward & Paul Boshko** who are celebrating birthdays this week. Belated greetings are also extended to **Ann Courtock** and **Pearl Berezniak** whose “big days” were last week. By God’s good grace, may they all have success and happiness for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

FREE FLOWERS Poinsettias that decorated the church for the Christmas season are available, while supplies last. Please take one and give it a good home.

2010 CHURCH WALL CALENDARS are available at the Candle Desk. If you have not already done so, please pick one up today.

PHOTOS REQUESTED Theophany is approaching and soon, Fr. David and our Choirmaster, Basil Kozak, will be making rounds to bless parishioners’ homes. If you wish, feel free to take photos of your house blessing and send them to Jeffrey & Tatiana Hoff at sspsrwebmaster@gmail.com for posting on the parish website, so that the joy of this festal tradition can be shared with others.

THANK YOU to **Walter Dubovik** for his very generous donation towards the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund*. We also gratefully acknowledge those who contributed to this fund in memory of **Sophie Husaim: Ron & Mary Barglow, Edward & Elaine Boshko, Patricia Ann Burak, Vera Dorn, Mary Fritz, Bruce & Joyce Hillyer, John & Carrie Hillyer, John & Kristen Husaim, Daniel & Donna Husaim, Stella Laptosh, John & Ann Lucariello, Sonia Plutnick, William & Phyllis Robinson, Raya Shaluha, John & Mary Sitze** and **George & Carole Stavrou**. All these offerings are greatly appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Sick</u>		<u>Servicemen</u>
Irene Caryote	Elaine Ashton	Dorothy Swenticky	Ivan Shidlovsky
Cynthia Leggon	Irene Boule	Sara Cseh	Lisa Beard
Terry Hoak	Mary Lementowicz	Marie Olsen	Gregory Nosol
Archbishop JOB (Osacky)	Joseph Casall	Olga Smith	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Robert Masarik	Victor Mueller	Reginald Thomas	David T. Floyd
Raymond Petruska	Brahm Dubin	Anthony Garito	Patrick Lohr
Helen Armstrong	William Dilubert	Ermelinda Faziola	Keith Sudder
	Nadja Lewis	Kirsten Hyland	Priest Paul Rivers
	Thomas Fackovic	John Cameron	Andrew Kubik
	David Ogan	Vivian Hunkele	Jason Vaughn
	Edward Romanofsky	Janet Firestone	Patrick Baldwin
	Harold Symanski	Adam Krosnowski	Timothy Stepan
	Edwin Paz	Ellie Shipman	Michael Gregus
	Walentyna Posluszny	Archpriest Sergei Glagolev	Peter Shaw
	Morgan Prittchit	Vera Rosenthal	Jacqueline Martinez
	Alan Zenkert	Edna Maletz	Robert Mahrer
	Christopher Collins	Savanna Dore	Karen Bonet
	Myron Steps	Dorothy Dabkowski	David Gambert
	Michael Dargento	Joan Roshak	Gregg Poole
	Virginia Moran	Patricia Campbell	Fred Bush
	Daryl Deissinger	Sarah Hall	
	Cynthia Denlinger	Dotsy Hartman	
	Constantine Romanofsky	Katherine Tarzewski	
	Linda Martinovich	Paula Hila	
	Josephine Tillison	Joseph Posluszny	
	Mary Lou Goldy	Nancy Filak	
	Julia Glazer	Stefan Wilczynski	
	Sonia Fineberg	Anna Durovich	
	Joseph Casale	Kira Gregor	
	Donna Casale	Tonya Soto	
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Oleg Burlak	
	Karen Kennedy	Lisa Muhs	
	Randall Cline	Denise Yager	
	Joseph Lynch	Martha Drobnak	
	Jean Staples	Chrise Murrell	
	Joan Tita	Patricia Larkin	
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis	Archpriest David Vernak	
	Aiden Gowarty		

If you have a name you would like included in the bulletin, contact Fr. David or Starosta.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Any announcements for next week's bulletin must be submitted to Fr. David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by **Thursday evening**. You can reach Father at the rectory or contact Jim by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



*In celebration of this joyous holiday season, there is **NO FASTING** and **NO KNEELING** until January 5, the Eve of Theophany. Remember that **this Tuesday** is a day of **STRICT FAST** in preparation for the great feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.*



2010 promises to be a busy year for our parish. There will be many projects to complete and we will be in need of your assistance to finish them. Please do not wait to be asked to help; how about volunteering your services? Remember, **it's your church!**

✠ 2010 HOME BLESSING SCHEDULE ✠

It is traditional to have our homes blessed during the season of Theophany, which starts on **January 6**. This is a great celebration that should include the entire family. If your home was not blessed this year and you would like it to be this coming year, contact Fr. David to have your name added to his list.

Weather and health permitting, the following schedule, with starting times, will be followed:

Wed, Jan 6	1 p.m.	South River: <i>Levinson, Armstrong, Augusta, Robert, Prentice, Olchaskey, Kamm, Whitehead (Nos. 340, 6 & 46)</i>
Thurs, Jan 7	1 p.m.	South River: <i>Jeffrie, Spring, East, Center, Southside, Schack, Magiera, Martin, Sivess</i>
Fri, Jan 8	11 a.m.	South River: <i>Charles, Willet, Monush, Colfax, Darrow, George, Garwood, Beryl, Devoe, Terry, Caroline, Hillside</i>
Sat, Jan 9	10 a.m.	Milltown, South River: <i>Claremont, New, Ridge, Lexington, Fairview, Morningside</i>
Sun, Jan 10	1 p.m.	East Brunswick
Tues, Jan 12	12 noon	Sayreville, Parlin, Avenel, Old Bridge
Wed, Jan 13	12 noon	Jamesburg, Monroe Twp., Spotswood, New Brunswick, Piscataway, Edison
Thurs, Jan 14	5 p.m.	Howell, Freehold, Colts Neck, Matawan, Manalapan
Fri, Jan 15	5 p.m.	Trenton, Mercerville, Lawrenceville, Princeton, Yardville, Cream Ridge

Any questions or conflicts should be directed to Father at the rectory (732-257-0102).

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!