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THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5 Sunday Before the Theophany—Forefeast of the Theophany

The Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles: James the Brother of the Lord, Mark the Evangelist, Luke the Evangelist, Cleophas the Brother of Joseph the Betrothed, Simeon the Son of Cleophas, Barnabas, Justus, Thaddaeus, Ananias, Stephen the Archdeacon, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas of the Seven Deacons, Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Onesimus, Epaphras, Archippus, Silas, Silvanus, Crescens, Crispus, Epenetus, Andronicus, Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus, Apelles, Aristobulus, Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobus, Hermas, Linus, Gaius, Philologus, Lucius, Jason, Sosipater, Olympas, Tertius, Erastus, Quartus, Euodius, Onesiphorus, Clement, Sosthenes, Apollos, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Carpus, Quadratus, John, Zenas, Aristarchus, Pudens, Trophimus, Mark, Artemas, Aquila, Fortunatus and Achaicus; Ven. Theoctistus the Abbot of Cucomio in Sicily; The Repose of St. Eustathius I, Archbishop of Serbia; St. Aquila the Deacon of the Kiev Caves; The Anchorites of Cilicia: Martyrs Zosimus the Hermit and Athanasius the Superintendent of Prisoners; Ven. Euthymius and 12 other Monks martyred at Vatopedi

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

WORSHIP & STUDY

Mon, Jan 5	EVE OF THE THEOPHANY (Strict Fast Day)	
9:00 a.m.	Hieromartyr Theopemptus and Martyr Theonas; Ven. Syncletica of Alexandria	
Vesperal Liturgy	Epistle: 1 Cor 9:19-27	Gospel: Luke 3:1-18
7:00 p.m.	Grand Compline, Matins & Great Blessing of Water	
Tues, Jan 6	THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Great Blessing of Water)	
9:00 a.m.	Ven. Macarius of Mt. Athos	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7	Gospel: Matt 3:13-17
Wed, Jan 7	The Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John—Afterfeast of the Theophany	
9:00 a.m.	Reading: Acts 19:1-8	Gospel: John 1:29-34
Divine Liturgy		
Sat, Jan 10	5:00 p.m.	Confessions
	6:30 p.m.	Panihida for Dora Hydu (40 th day) offered by the family
	7:00 p.m.	Vespers
Sun, Jan 11	31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 6	
9:00 a.m.	Afterfeast of the Theophany—Sunday After the Theophany; Ven. Theodosius	
Divine Liturgy	Epistle: Eph 4:7-13	Gospel: Matt 4:12-17

WITHIN THE PARISH

There will be **NO Church School** today; classes will resume **next Sunday, January 11.**

The **Senior R Club** will meet at the Deerson home **next Sunday, January 11**, following the Coffee Hour. All members are asked to attend to discuss final details for the *Russian Cabaret Night* (see below).

The next **Parish Council Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, January 19**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

Mark your calendars and save the date for a pre-Lenten gala, as **Friday, Feb 6**, will be a **Russian Cabaret Night**. This fun-filled event, hosted by the **Senior R Club**, will begin at 7 p.m. at the **Ria-Mar Restaurant** on Whitehead Ave (up the street from the church). Food, beer & wine, dancing and lots of entertainment will be included in the evening's festivities. The tickets are now on sale through **Sunday, February 1** from Carol Deerson, Allison Steffaro and Sandra Saurman; cost is \$55 for adults and \$25 for children, ages 10 and under. (You can also make reservations by E-mailing Sandy at ssaurman@msn.com.) Invite your family and friends!

BITS & PIECES

FOR YOUR INFORMATION Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **93**.

SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Sprogis**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Altar Society**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Dziemian**.

GENERAL CONFESSION will resume on **Saturday, January 17**, following Vespers. Remember that this sacrament is held on the **first and third Saturdays** of the month. (Refer to *Worship & Study* in the bulletin for 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.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Servicemen</u>
Doris Dodds	Nicholas Pazinko Jr.	Ivan Shidlovsky
Joan Uler	James Romer	Priest Sean Levine
Frances Romano	John Centrello	Patrick Lohr
Joseph Abate	John Basara	Elizabeth Brent
Robert Black	Nadezhda Hromova	
Janina Machaj		
<u>Sick</u>		
Aunika Browne	Darren Flynn	Beth Williscroft
Thomas Verdon	Olga Stefik	Nancy Filak
Sara Cseh	Mary Carol Burchill	Michael Dargento
Edward Walton	Matushka Dorothy Sulich	Sandra Webster
Kaitlyn Fox	Ruth Curtis	Amelia Rugala
Iwan Jakimtschuk	Mary Louise Viquez	Ellen Dargento
Natalie Matz	Kathleen Kushwara	Olga Miller
Dorothy Sopchak	Josefa Calero	Allen Mioduszewski
Katherine Tarzewski	Theodore Christie	Sophie Hyland
Ginny Wilmer	Walentyna Posluszny	Kathleen Keimer
Karen Tarallo	John Cameron	Tamara Diaczenko
Edward Romanofsky	Pearl Blower	Elaine Ashton
Dawn Zirch	Dorothy Swenticky	Makayla Ahearn
Joseph Basara Jr.	Jack Rhoades	Gina Krusius
Martha Drobnak	Donna Kara	Anna Elagin
Sergio Dubowski	Sergei Andreyev	Gregory Sitze
Zinna Kusnirik	Nancy Myzhevych	Charles Csenica
Dean Prestino	Pauline Dziemian	Kenneth Crowley
Gaynelle Crowley	Kendall McNamara	Gabrielle Huba
Myrna Woznica	Pamela Inman	James D'Amore Jr.
Aspasia Alfaro	Dorothy Vernak	Jonathan Clayton
Beth Van Orden	Victor Rugala Jr.	Aidan Brown
Rina D'Amico	Simon Koslov Jr.	Mari Favire
Deborah Krusius	Jane D'Amore	Wendy Packard
Maryann Barrett	Michael Pelleriti	

It is YOUR responsibility to let Fr. David or Starosta know any changes that have to be made to keep this list up to date. Always remember that prayer still works miracles and wonders.

BIRTHDAY WISHES go out TODAY to **Edward & Paul Boshko**. May the Lord's blessings of health and happiness continue to be theirs for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

OUR GRATITUDE is extended to the following parishioners/parish organizations for their recent donations to the parish: the **Church Choir** (fuel offering); **James & Debra Ann Jones** (a portion of proceeds from the *Fall Festival 50/50 Raffle*); and **Ronald & Paula Mindzak** (church gift in memory of **Peter Broy** and **Henry Dzikowski** and incense offering in memory of **Janina Machaj**). May God richly bless everyone for his/her kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity.

2014 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS Thanks for your faithfulness in giving your tithes and offerings. For the 2014 tax year, a contribution statement will be prepared by request only. A sign-up sheet is now available at the Candle Desk. Your year-end statement will be ready for you within two weeks. (**NOTE:** *The statement will include all donations made in 2014 from Wednesday, January 1 through Sunday, December 28. Any offering made after the 28th will be credited to 2015—NO EXCEPTIONS!*)

THE CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY is comprised of volunteers who are committed to being good and faithful stewards of our temple, as they make sure it is ready for all liturgical services. Below are the teams for January, February and March:

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
GREGORY & JOSHUA CHUP	NORMAN & DOROTHY EDWARDS	WENDY DASHKIEWICZ
HANK DZIEMIAN	JOSEPH HARTMAN	CHRISTINA, PAUL & JANET MACHYOWSKY
ANASTASIA ESSL	SONJA HARRIS	JANICE MEADE
JAMES KORNAFEL	MARIE MENDOKER	SANDRA SAURMAN
HELENE TITSCH	DOROTHY MESSEKA	

All the cleaning instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk. Supplies and equipment are provided in an effort to keep our church looking its very best. If you have any questions, concerns or conflicts, please see/contact Jay Pelleriti (732-216-8121) or Starosta. No experience is necessary—just the passion for keeping what God has blessed us with immaculate and beautiful. What better way to serve our Lord than to clean His house?

THE NEW CHURCH CALENDARS have arrived and are at the Candle Desk—pick one up TODAY!

E-MAIL ADDRESS If you have an E-mail address and would like receive up-to-date “blasts,” please let Fr. David know.

WITH SYMPATHY Our deepest condolences go out to **Sonja Harris** on the falling asleep of her cousin, **John Basara**, last Sunday. May the Lord’s promise of everlasting life bring her peace and comfort in the days ahead.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS to next week’s bulletin is **Thursday evening**. You can reach Fr. David at the rectory or get in touch with our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



*Please remember that tomorrow, January 5, is a **STRICT FAST DAY**, in preparation for the Feast of Holy Theophany; plan your meals and activities accordingly.*

HOUSE BLESSING SCHEDULE

During the season of Theophany, it is customary for Fr. David to visit each home in the parish and bless it for the year. If your house has not been blessed in the past and you would like it to be, please contact him so that he can add it to his list.

Weather and health permitting, below are the dates/start times on which house blessings will be performed:

Tues, Jan 6	12 noon	South River: <i>Levinson, Augusta, Robert, Prentice, Olchaskey, Kamm, Whitehead (Nos. 6 & 46)</i>
Wed, Jan 7	1 p.m.	South River: <i>Jeffrie, Spring, Center, Southside, Ridge</i>
Thurs, Jan 8	3 p.m.	South River: <i>Charles, Willet, George, Garwood, Beryl, Terry, Caroline</i>
Fri, Jan 9	12 noon	Milltown, Sayreville, Parlin, Avenel, Old Bridge
Sat, Jan 10	10 a.m.	Monroe Twp., Spotswood, Jamesburg, East Brunswick
Sun, Jan 11	1 p.m.	Freehold, Colts Neck, Matawan, Manalapan
Mon, Jan 12	6 p.m.	Mercerville, Yardville, Cream Ridge
Tues, Jan 13	6 p.m.	Edison, Bridgewater, Raritan, Bound Brook

If you would like another day and/or time, call the rectory; alternative arrangements will gladly be made.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!