

January 8, 2012 – 30th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 5. Sunday after Theophany. Ven. George the Chozebite (6th c.). Ven. Dominica of Constantinople (474). St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (9th c.). Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1093). Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (13th-14th c.). Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev (1472). St. Paisius of Uglich (1504). Hieromartyr Carterius of Caesarea in Cappadocia (304). Martyrs Theophilius the Deacon, and Helladius, in Libya (4th c.). Martyrs Julian and his wife, Basilissa, and Marcionilla, her son Celsus, Anthony, Anastasius, 7 children and 20 soldiers, at Antinoe in Egypt (313). Ven. Elias the Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyr Abo the Perfumer, of Tiflis (790). **Epistle:** Eph. 4:7-13 (Sun. after). **Gospel:** Matt. 4:12-17 (Sun. after).

Next Sunday, Jan. 15 – 31st Sun. after Pentecost. Tone 6. Epistle: 1 Tim. 1:15-17. **Gospel:** Luke 18:18-27.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Jan. 8)

TODAY

11:15 AM Church Scholl & Bible Class; Sisterhood Mtg. (in Library)

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Vespers
6:30 PM Parish Council

WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: reading from Prologue
11:00 AM Reading Group (at Mocha House)

THURSDAY

6:30 AM Matins

FRIDAY

4-7:00 PM Fish Dinner

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY (Jan. 15)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy: 31st Sun. after Pentecost
11:15 AM Church School & Bible Class
1:30 PM St. John's Society (for teens)



HOUSE BLESSING SCHEDULE 2012

January 7-11 Northeast Warren
January 12-16 Southeast Warren/Niles
January 17-20 Yngstwn area/Warren SW
January 21-24 Northwest Warren/Champion
January 25 – 29 Cortland/Howland
Jan. 30 – Feb. 1 Howland/east to PA

Please contact Fr. Jonathan for a specific time of day to come to your house.



FISH DINNER DATES 2012

JANUARY 13 & 27
FEBRUARY 10 & 24
MARCH 9 & 23
APRIL 6

ALL DINNERS ARE FRIDAYS FROM 4-7 PM.
PLEASE SEE JOHN TUTOKI (330-720-3541) WITH
QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER.
MAY GOD BLESS OUR EFFORTS!



Some sausage orders are still in the Church freezer – please pick yours up if you're able.

If you still haven't paid for sausage received, see Jim Stan or Greg Bobosh to finalize the sale.

The Friend of the Bridegroom

"He Must Increase and I Must Decrease" (John 3:29-30)

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Saturday: Vespers at 5:00 PM Sunday: Liturgy at 9:30 AM

Feast Day Liturgy – 9:30 AM Sunday School (after Liturgy)

GENERAL INFORMATION

01-01-12: 90 (attendance); **\$1,916.00** (offering)

01-08-12: candle commemorations – Theotokos: blessed memory of Mildred Bodanjek; **Altar: ----; Christ: ----**

Please Pray for:

Living: Chariessa (Stichick, sister of Mark Malacky); **Kerya** (Brisbine); **Raymond** (Flannery); **Vera** (Campbell, at home); **Archpriest Michael** (Mihalick; husband of Janet [Maksimoff]); **Antonio** (Dinello; young son of Vadim Stehnach's co-worker); **Prdn. Vladimir** (Maksimoff; at home); **Aaron** (Meterko, at Community Skilled Nursing); **Joseph** (Sabino; at home); **Olga** (Obletiloff) & **Helen** (Molnar, at Shepherd of the Valley, Howland); **Elizabeth** (Perschka; at home); **Mary Ann** (Zylka, home from surgery at Trumbull Memorial); **Charlotte** (Howell, outpatient knee surgery); **Mary** (Ferko, home from Trumbull Memorial); **Barbara** (Yugovich, home from surgery); **Sophie** (Bland, home from Trumbull Memorial).

Departed: Karen (George; d. 12/5/11); **Mary** (Regnall; d. 12/16/11).

This Month's Charity – January 2012:

[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]

Monastery of St. John the Theologian (Hiram)

COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

Jan. 16 Cleveland Deanery Youth Day (at St. Michael's Church, Broadview Hghts.)

Feb. 2 Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (Presentation)

Feb. 5-11 Week of Publican and Pharisee

Feb. 27 Great Lent begins



SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

Sundays:

- Church School** for children age 4-18;
- Adult Class** (in Hall): "God, Church, and the Bishop"
- St. John's Society** (for teens; at 1:30 PM – see weekly schedule for dates)

Tuesdays:

- Vespers** at 6:00 PM; followed by
- Path to Salvation Class** (current study: "Watchfulness and Holiness")

Wednesdays:

- Divine Liturgy** at 9:30 AM; followed by
- Classic Literature Reading Group** (at the Mocha House on High St.; current book: *East of Eden*, by John Steinbeck)

Thursdays: Matins at 6:30 AM

+ Charity of the Month – December 2011

This month's Charity is **The Monastery of St. John the Theologian (in Hiram, OH)**; St. John's Monastery is the only men's monastery of the OCA in the Midwest Diocese, whose Abbot is Fr. Alexander. Please give generously in your Charity Envelope or basket collections following Divine Liturgy.

+ New Sunday Adult Bible Study

“God, Church, and the Bishop” is the new topic of study in the Hall after Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings. All are invited to get some refreshments and stay for mutual learning.

+ Christmas & Theophany

The Birth of Jesus Christ in the flesh and the declaration of the Father at the Jordan River that this Man is the Son of God form one complete celebration in the Orthodox Church. Thus the Incarnation – “God made flesh” – and Holy Baptism are one reality for us in the saving plan of God.

God became a man that we might share in the divine. This marvelous transformation begins with our new birth in the Kingdom of God through water and the Spirit (John 3:5-6). When Christ sanctified our nature in His Person, He made that sanctification available to us by joining us in the waters of the Jordan River, the font of Holy Baptism.

Thus at the Feast of Theophany (Jan. 6; the Baptism of Christ), we not only recall our own baptism but at the Divine Liturgy we bless water, drink it, and use it to sanctify our homes – our lives and where we live. The divine life into which we have been incorporated permeates all that we are and do. The Birth of Jesus Christ becomes our birth from above.

+ Thank you from the Cholchers!

Fr. Jonathan and family wish to thank everyone for the many cards and gifts this Christmas. Your generosity and love are truly overwhelming and much appreciated. May God grant us all peace and life together!

+ St. John’s Society (for teens)

The next two scheduled meetings for St. John’s Society are Jan. 15 & 29 at 1:30 PM. All teens in the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

+ Cleveland Deanery Youth Day (Jan. 16)

All of our young people are invited to participate in the second annual Cleveland Deanery Youth Day on January 16 (civil holiday – no school) at St. Michael’s Church in Broadview Heights. Speak with Fr. Jonathan for details and to arrange a ride for the Day!

+ Parish Council (Jan. 10)

Parish Council meets this Tuesday evening after Vespers. Please speak with Mark Malacky, Council President, or Fr. Jonathan if you have any questions or concerns for the Council.

“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.” (Matthew 4:16)