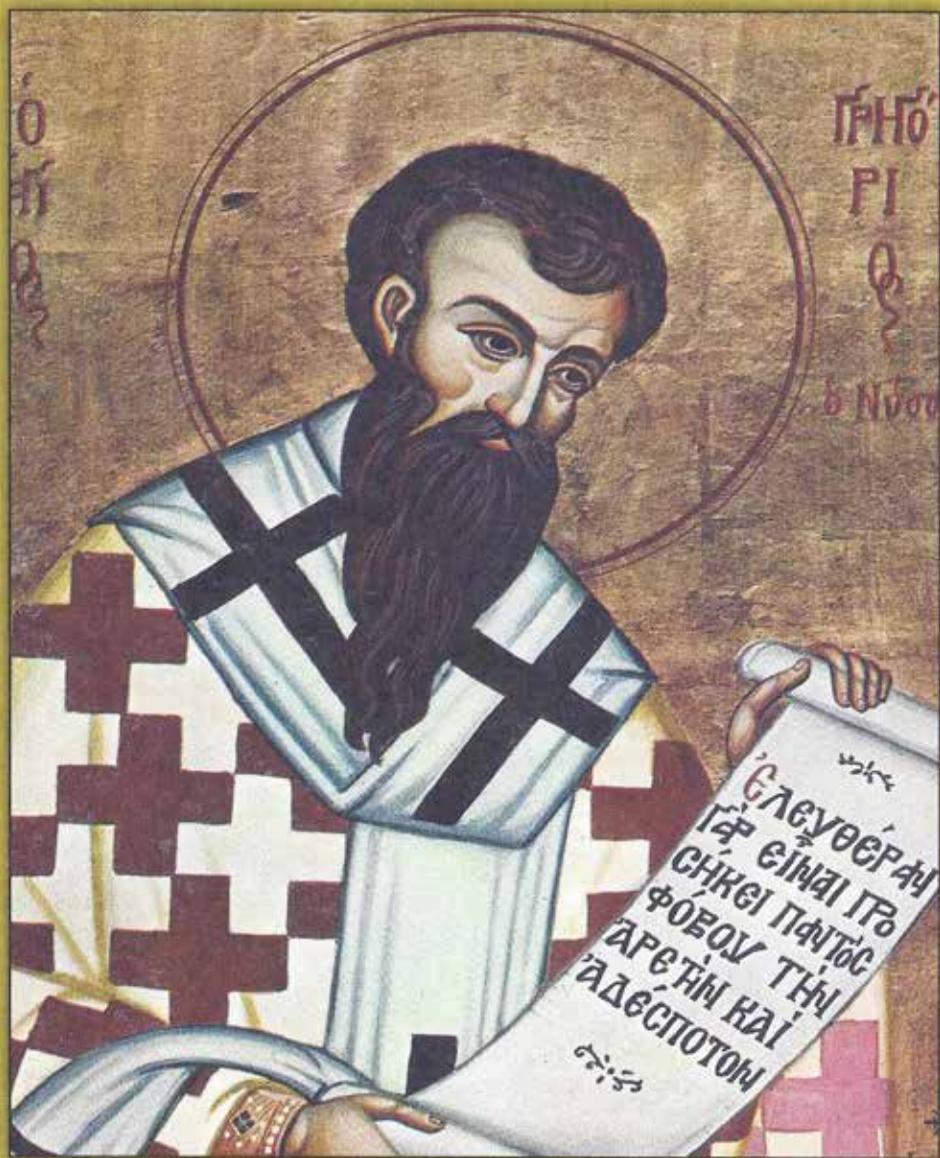


SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



*Icon of Saint Gregory of Nyssa -- January 10th*

## January 10, 2016: Sunday After Theophany

Epistle: Eph. 4: 7-13

Gospel: Mt. 4: 12-17

**Mon., Jan. 11** 8:00 + Mary Ann Caputo (Lauren Telep)

**Tues., Jan. 12** 8:00 + Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

**Wed., Jan. 13** **No Divine Liturgy Today.**

**Thurs., Jan. 14** 8:00 + Maria, Michael & Mary Bock (Michael & Jadwiga Bak)

**Fri., Jan. 15** 8:00 + Stephen Chezik (Chezik Family)

**Sat., Jan. 16** **No Morning Divine Liturgy.**

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + Anna Chaykosky (Sonia & Gene Maslar)

**Sun., Jan. 17** 9:00 For Our Parishioners

11:30 + Debra Altier (Anna Mae Krisanda & Joyce Garofalo); Baptism of Luca Vincent Sestili

### Postfeast of The Holy Theophany of Our Lord

#### Antiphon 1

When Israel and Jacob's children came forth from Egypt, out from a barbarian people, \* Judah became His sanctuary, Israel became His domain.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, \* Savior, save us.*

The sea saw God's people coming and parted for them; \* when the Jordan saw them coming, its running waters ceased to flow.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, \* Savior, save us.*

Why is it, O sea, that you parted, \* and what caused you, O Jordan, to turn back your flow?

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*

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**Third Antiphon**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.  
*O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.  
*O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.  
*O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.*

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**Entrance Hymn**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.  
*O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.*

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**Hymn to the Mother of God**

Extol, my soul, Christ the King, who was baptized in the Jordan. No tongue can fittingly sing your praises. \* Even superior intelligences far above your world appear feeble when they praise you, O Mother of God. \* But in your goodness, accept our faith; \* for you see that godly love we bear towards you, \* as you are the Patroness of Christians.

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**Communion Verse**

The grace of God has appeared \* bringing salvation to all people.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Keep Greeting One Another**

A reminder to all: just as we prepared for Christmas with a 40-day preparation and fasting period, so now we celebrate the bright days of Christmas, New Year's, and Theophany for 40 days. Please continue to sing our beautiful Christmas carols, and to greet one another with our traditional "*Christos*

**Razhdayetsia! Slavite Yeho!** Christ is Born! Glorify Him!” During the darkness of the Winter months, do all you can to keep the bright light of Christ burning brightly! Let Christ shine

through you!

**Note:** according to tradition, we continue to sing Christmas carols up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Why Go to Church?

Why go to Church? If you're **spiritually alive**, you're going to love this! If you're **spiritually dead**, you won't read this. If you're **spiritually curious**, there is still hope! A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher. "I've been married for 30 years

now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! **"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?"**

## A Thought

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began,

he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then

asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.' The professor then produced two beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. 'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are

the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else—the small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and mow the lawn. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.' One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend. [wt]

## **Holy Name Society Raffle**

The Holy Name Society is having its annual raffle and tickets were mailed to parishioners. Please support this raffle

with a \$10.00 Donation. The proceeds of the raffle are used for expenses related to our parish.

## **Festival of Christmas Carols**

The Annual Festival of Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the

Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

## **Malanka Meeting**

The final meeting to plan Northeastern Pennsylvania's 12th annual Malanka will be conducted at 7:00 pm, Monday evening, January 11, 2016 at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 430 North Seventh

Avenue, Scranton. The Malanka will take place on Saturday evening, January 16, 2016 at the Parish Center. For tickets contact Sandra Berta at 570 383-9487.

## **Northeastern Pennsylvania's Malanka 2016**

Northeastern Pennsylvania's 12<sup>th</sup> annual MALANKA is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 16, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 12:30 am at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 728 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton. The festive evening will include a generous Ukrainian and American dinner buffet catered by Paul Wanas of Accentuate Caterers, cash bar, complimentary bubbly toast

and dancing to the popular Ukrainian orchestra "Fata Morgana". Door prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are \$45.00 per person and can be obtained by contacting Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487. No tickets will be sold at the door, therefore advance reservations are required. Wearing Ukrainian apparel is encouraged. Doors will open at 5:45 pm.

## **Know a Marriage that Needs Help?**

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to com-

municate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26 - Feb. 28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn in Clarks Summit. For more information or to register, please call

800-470-2230 or visit [www.helpour-marriage.org](http://www.helpour-marriage.org)

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for William Vervan, Roger Barren, and the month of January 2016 is Team #1: Jerry Sereditch.

**Sunday Collection for January 3 & 4, 2016: \$**

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for January 16 & 17, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chludzinski -- Samuel Sczesniak	John Sakson
9:00 am	Joseph Skirpan -- Michael Roberts	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

## House Blessing Request Form

Fr. Nestor:

I (we) would like you to come and bless my (our) home, if possible, during the 2016 Theophany (Jordan) Season 2016.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fr. Nestor will call to arrange a convenient time.

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### *Longing for Heaven*

All the saints loved the dangers that proved their confidence in God. They offered no defense to those who wished in whatever way to wound or kill them; nor did they weaken in the face of any painful context that involved them in martyrdom and heroic deeds, because they looked for their reward in the kingdom of heaven.

In that hope Abraham obeyed the command to sacrifice his son; Moses toiled through the fearful desert; Elijah led his harsh life of solitude; and all the prophets, clad in the rough skins of sheep or goats, spent their days in affliction and mortification. For that reward the evangelists suffered wounds for the Gospel's sake, and martyrs strove against the tortures to which tyrants condemned them. Indeed whoever is truly a rational being and an image of God, and whose kinship is with the sublime and heavenly, has no

wish either to exist or to be raised from the dead in the company of those who will live again, unless he is to be praised by God as a good servant and thought worthy of some honors.

The same motive inspired David, who found in the deer's thirst an appropriate image of his own longing for God, and prayed that he might see the face of God, to enjoy his spiritual graciousness. Paul too prayed that when he had put off the flesh, like a heavy burdensome garment, he might depart and be with Christ. Both men certainly pictured in their minds that blessed and unchanging joy. But if there is no desire for the reward of heaven, then all else, as Ecclesiastes truly said, is "vanity of vanities."

*St. Gregory of Nyssa*

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