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BULLETIN OF DECEMBER 30, 2007

SUNDAY/DECEMBER 30th
Postfeast of the Nativity
Sunday Before the Theophany
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour
(no church school classes)

MONDAY/DECEMBER 31st
Leave-taking of the Nativity
6:30p.m. Vespers & Blessing of St. Basil's Bread

TUESDAY/JANUARY 1, 2008
Circumcision of Our Lord
St. Basil the Great
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Liturgy
6:30p.m. Compline & Akathist to St. Seraphim
of Sarov

FRIDAY/JANUARY 4th
Prefeast of the Theophany
7:00p.m. Royal Hours

SATURDAY/JANUARY 5th
Eve of the Theophany
(Fast Day: wine & oil permitted)
9:30a.m. Liturgy followed by The Great
Blessing of Water
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/JANUARY 6th
THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD
(One of "the 12 Great Feasts")
9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Liturgy
Coffee Hour
Book-for-the-Month
Church School Classes

MONDAY/JANUARY 7th
Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
9:30a.m. Akathist to the Baptist



**FROM THE PRAYER FOR THE BLESSING
OF THE WATERS**

O King, Who loves mankind, be present now as Thou wert then at the Jordan through the coming of the Thy Holy Spirit and sanctify this water.

And confer upon it:
The grace of redemption,
The blessing of the Jordan.
Make it a source of incorruption,
A gift of sanctification,
A forgiveness of sins,
A protection against disease,
A destruction to demons,
Inaccessible to evil powers and filled with angelic strength;
That all who draw from it and drink of it may have it:
For the cleansing of their soul and body,
For the healing of their passions,
And for the sanctification of their homes,
And for every purpose that is fitting.

Inclement Weather & Cancellations

Due to ice or snow may necessitate that some schedule service or event on the parish calendar may be cancelled or postponed.

Cancellations will be posted on the parish website at least one hour before the scheduled time. You may also call Fr. James (908-685-1452) or Mary Holovach (908-725-8978) to find out about cancellations before you set out.

Nativity fast-Free Season

During the festal time from Dec. 25th thru Jan. 4th, there is no fasting on any day. In keeping with the festal character of these days, we do not kneel or make prostrations. It is prohibited to perform the Mystery of Marriage and to serve Memorial Services (except for the newly-departed) likewise in this time.

2008 Offering Schedule for Olive Oil (\$5), Wine (\$10) and Flowers (\$20)

May be found on the vestibule stand. Please make your offering at the time you sign-up and mark a blank envelope with amount.

Offerings for the Week of Dec. 30th

Olive Oil – in memory of Emilia; in memory of Michael; for the protection and health of the servant of God, Gabriela-Antoaneta; for the protection and health of John and Vera; for the health of Carl, Christine and Kyle.

Wine – in thanksgiving to God from Mariana and Stefan; in memory of Joan.

Flowers – for Anna and family.

The Blessing of Homes 2008

With the Waters blessed on the feast of the Theophany, the homes of the faithful are blessed. The schedule for the blessing of homes appears attached to the January Monthly Calendar.



Parish Synodicon

Dec. 30, 1934 Adam Gromako
Dec. 30, 1989 Michael Barna
Dec. 30, 2006 Anna Wasitowski
Dec. 31, 1942 Tikhon Yakovlev
Dec. 31, 1950 Nicholas Chmelik
Dec. 31, 1962 Jacob Hriniaik
Jan. 01, 1963 Peter Romanowski
Jan. 01, 1995 Michael Emilianov
Jan. 02, 1947 Chariton Kuchner
Jan. 02, 1966 Mary knaff
Jan. 02, 1989 Charles Specian
Jan. 03, 1962 Mary Tarby Adamcio
Jan. 04, 1963 Christine Sudillo
Jan. 04, 1970 Mary Dzurich
Jan. 04, 1978 Peter Wilhousky
Jan. 05, 1964 Nicholas Senko
Jan. 05, 2004 Anna Sudia

Parish Educational Classes

Teen Discussion Group (high school students) a brief 20 minute informal discussion to be held on the 2nd Sunday during the Coffee Hour.

Class A (K thru 3rd grade) on the 1st and 3rd Sundays during Coffee Hour.

Class B (4 thru 8 grade) on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays during Coffee Hour.

General Question & Answer Period on the 4th Sunday during Coffee Hour.

No classes on the 5th Sunday of the month.

Have You Notified the Rector?

Of any changes in parish membership status, as well as names, addresses, and phone for the new 2008 Parish Directory?

Namesday Greetings

St. Melanie/Dec. 31st: Mildred Mock;
St. Basil/Jan. 1st: Basil Kulick, William Kuzemchak, Charles Kachek, William Neudachin;
St. Genevieve/Jan. 3rd; Genevieve Tindall;
Many Blessed Years!

Our Parish Website

Has posted an advanced calendar (schedule of services) for the entire year of 2008. You are encouraged to make use of it in your own calendar planning for and in the year 2008.