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January 4, 2015

Sunday Before Theophany

40 days memorial for Robert Zarnosky.

Monday, January 5: Compline and water blessing 6:30PM.

Tuesday, January 6: Divine Liturgy and water blessing 9:30AM.

When a home is blessed, the priest brings everything needed for the blessing:

- Holy water
- A "krupilla" (brush for flinging the holy water),
- Bowl for the water
- Candles
- Theophany icon.

Many pious homes supply a bowl, candles and the family Theophany icon.

The family should provide the priest with a list of all family members, living and deceased.

The bowl and icon should be placed on a clean table with a cloth on it, preferably near the family icon corner. It is good for candles to be lit. The house should be clean, with all radios and televisions off.

The priest will bless all rooms of the house except the bathrooms. In homes with children, it is always good for the little ones to carry a candle or a small cross and "lead" the priest throughout the house. An elder member of the house may also do this.

The basic order for a simple home blessing is as follows.

- a. The bowl of water, icon and lit candles are placed on a clean table. IF there is a censer, it may be lit.
- b. The priest begins the service with a blessing and the Trisagion prayers (O heavenly King through the "Our Father".) It is always preferable that the eldest of another member of the family say the Trisagion prayers.
- c. After this the entire home is blessed, with the family walking with the priest holding candles and the Theophany icon while the Theophany Troparion is sung over and over:

Tone 1: When Thou, wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; /for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, /calling Thee His beloved Son. /And the Spirit in the form of a dove /confirmed the certainty of the word. /O Christ our God, Who hast appeared //and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

It is a very good idea for the family to sing this troparion, and know it by heart. Otherwise, of the priest has many houses to bless, his voice will get tired!

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Month of January Education Prayer Corner: *Troparion to Theophany*.

Saturday Vespers 4PM; Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30AM. Confessions available upon request.

Peroghis available Friday 9-11:30 & Sunday 11-12.

Donations. Weekly: \$373. Loose: \$20. Tithe: \$1261. 2nd collection, camp fund: \$65. Rectory renovation donations IMO William Maday from Joan Gima: \$25. Claudia Mikulak: \$10. Rectory renovation donations IMO Robert Zarnosky by Florence Chmiel: \$15.

Prayers: Please inform Fr. Paul if you want someone remembered throughout the month.

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If anyone would like to sponsor a bulletin in memory of someone please let Fr. Paul know.

Bulletin for January in memory of Michael Sr. & Jane Stuchlak.