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Sunday After Theophany

Home Blessing sign up list on candle desk.

If you have not received a 2015 calendar yet please see Ken Stafursky. For now, only one per household.

Coming up: 2015 Winter Teen Retreat. February 6-8 at Trout Lake Retreat Center in Stroudsburg. See flyer on white board downstairs for more information.

Thoughts on Theophany:

In the months before Jesus began His ministry, His cousin John the Baptist was urging people to repent of their sins and accept baptism in the Jordan River. Jesus was baptized, although He was sinless.

The icon shows us Jesus submerged in the water, with small creatures representing evil spirits fleeing from Christ. John the Baptist, in crude clothing, is performing the baptism. Angels stand nearby with bowed heads, indicating that they will serve Jesus. The heavens are open, indicating God's presence, and the Holy Spirit is pictured as a dove. The event is the first manifestation of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Mark 1:9-13).

Parish directory and shut in list available at table in Narthex. Fr. Paul is aware of needed corrections which will be updated again before Pascha. Please keep him updated on anyone not currently listed in directory.

Stewardship Thoughts:

Stewardship is the realization that everything we have is a gift from God; the spiritual vision that enables us to discern our gifts and to determine their proper use; the utilization of our time, talents, and treasures for the growth and extension of God’s kingdom; and the setting aside of the first portion-not the leftovers!-of our gifts for this work.

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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: \$1263. Loose: \$208. Tithes: \$929. 2nd collection, perogi fund: \$55. Charity Fund: \$117. Rectory renovation donations IMO Andrew, Margaret and Andrew Jr. Sofranko from Mr. & Mrs. Joel Sofranko: \$20.

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.