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An Abbreviated Bulletin

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Sunday, January 12, 2020 Volume V

30th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ
Sunday of the Holy Ancestors

9:20 - Nativity Canon & Carols; 9:30 - Liturgy

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

FAST FREE UNTIL FRIDAY

Tuesday, January 14

9:30 Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the

Circumcision of Our Lord and the Feast of St Basil
Julian Calendar New Year's Day

Friday, January 17 - A Day of Strict Fasting

NO Royal Hours scheduled

Saturday, January 18

Vigil Service for the Feast of Theophany:

5pm St. John's (450 Glenwood Dr., Ambridge)

8pm Sts. Peter & Paul (220 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie)

7pm St. Nicholas (903 Ann St., Homestead)

7pm St. Michael (146 3rd Ave., Rankin)

5pm St. John's (211 Cable Ave., East Pittsburgh)

Sunday, January 19

31st Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of the Holy Theophany of our Lord, God,
and Saviour Jesus Christ (Baptism of the Lord)

Repose of St. Theophan the Recluse (1894)

9:15 - Theophany Canon & Litiya Prayers

9:30 - Basil's Liturgy and Great Blessing of Water

Tone 6; Liturgical Color: **Gold**

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

YOUTH Sunday / Church School

Annual House Blessings begin

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Please plan to take **poinsettias** home with you.

A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Christ Is Born! (responded with: *Glorify Him!*)
Christos Raždajetsja! (*Slavite Jeho!*)

We are happy that you have joined us today!
Please join us downstairs for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop again soon! **If you have any questions** in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Fr. Dave.

Bulletin Board Announcements

(Please have submissions for this section to
Father Dave by Wednesday.)

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week and on Christmas by Viola Peifer; Tim Martin; Shuster Family; Lawrence Martin; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Mirilovich Family; Joanne Nelson; Margaret Rusnak; Patty Watson; Linda Gavulich; Cindy Pavidonis.

**"I am the light of the world; he who follows
Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the
light of life."** - John 8:12

The Eternal Lamp was offered last week In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Pavidonis. May Their Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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Thank You! for everyone's prayers and kind words on our recent unexpected journey to Romania. All are much appreciated!

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Thank You! to everyone who brought in items for the Christmas Day Cover-Dish Surprises and the ACRY raffle!

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School Excuse – If any parent needs a school excuse for their child after attending Tuesday's Nativity Divine Liturgy, please contact Father.

Coffee Social Steward Schedule

January 19: **Open / Potluck**

January 26: **Open / Potluck**

February 2: **Open / Potluck**

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Sunday, January 5

Stewardship: \$ 381

Candles/Eternal Lamp: \$ 224

Envelopes/Stewardship: \$ 607

Total Collections: \$ 1212

Relocation Fund: \$ 900

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Tuesday, January 7: Nativity of our Lord

Stewardship: \$ 304

Candles/Eternal Lamp: \$ 109

Envelopes/Stewardship: \$ 3625

Total Collections: \$ 4038

Relocation Fund: \$ 500

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Litiya and the Great Blessing of Water – On the Feast of Theophany **next Sunday**, we will have the Theophany Canon and Litiya Prayers **PRIOR** to the Divine Liturgy, it is **YOUTH Sunday**, and we will have the Great Blessing of Water at the end of Liturgy. **Parents** – please have your kids come up front to be closer for the blessing service.

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Holy Water Reminders: Do Not Hoard It!

While Holy Water does not "go bad", it is best to refresh your water each year. Holy Water from the previous Theophany should be poured outside (*preferably on the corner of your house or in a garden where people are not going to walk on it*). The best scenario is to use the water: a drink in the mornings, in your cooking, etc.

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 **Home Blessings** – will begin **Next Sunday, 1/19**. Let's schedule your annual home blessing today! Fr. Dave is interested in visiting and catching up with **EVERYONE** this coming Theophany season. Please catch Father when he has his calendar (*a.k.a. his phone*) to schedule (or email him). *Additional information will be in next week's bulletin.*

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Ice Skating Postponed – The Jr. ACRY hosted Ice Skating event has been postponed until at least Sunday, January 26th.

The International Soup Sampling to benefit IOCC (*International Orthodox Christian Charities*) will be on Saturday, **February 8th** from 11a to 2p at Holy Cross (123 Gilkeson Road, Mt. Lebanon)

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Prayer Corner

For the Health of... Daniel, John, Susan, John, Alexandra D., Sonja, Pañi Marie, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, June, Doug, Joanne ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day): Melanie Shuster - Venerable Melania the Younger (1/13)
(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

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Birthday Prayers for... Pañi Kathy Fester (1/13), Brenda Labas (1/15), Fred G. Anton (1/16), Pañi Fedornock (1/16), *Father's Godson*, Alex Schreiber (1/18), *Father's Goddaughter*, Jenna Schreiber (1/18) ...*May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years!*

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For the souls of the newly departed...

+Stelian Popescu (12/30), +Archpriest Stephen Shuga (12/16) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May their Memory in God be Eternal!*

"Your Nativity, O Christ our God has shown forth the light of knowledge to the world: for through it, those who studied the stars learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Truth, and to acknowledge You, rising from on high; O Lord, glory to You!" *Tropar of Nativity*