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## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ (Baptism of the Lord).

9:15 – Theophany Canon & Litiya Prayers

9:30 – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil and the Great Blessing of Water Tone 5 Liturgical Color: Gold

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

YOUTH Sunday / Church School / Annual Home Blessings Begin



## SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Annual Home Blessings Through

Thursday, January 23 – 9:30am Parastas for all aborted babies

The opportunity for the Holy Mystery of Confession is available following every service.

Monday	Synaxis of St. John the Baptist	Hebrews 11:17-23,27-31	Mark 9:42-10:1
Tuesday	Venerable Domnica of Constantinople (395)	Hebrews 12:25-26,13:22-25	Mark 10:2-12
* Wednesday	Martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia (259)	James 1:1-18	Mark 10:11-16
Thursday	St. Gregory of Nyssa (395)	James 1:19-27	Mark 10:17-27
* Friday	Venerable Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch (529)	James 2:1-13	Mark 10:23-32
Saturday	Martyr Tatiana of Rome (226-235)	Colossians 1:3-6	Luke 16:10-15

\* Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Fast as they did!

## January 26 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after the Feast of Theophany Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus at Belgrade (315)

9:20 – Theophany Canon; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy 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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## A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Christ Is Baptized! (responded with: In the Jordan!)  
Christos Kreščajetsja! (Vo Jordaňi!)

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 in again soon! If you have any questions in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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### This Bulletin Is Offered:

If you wish to sponsor a bulletin In Honor of (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or In Memory of someone, please do so by signing up on the sheet in the vestibule of the Church or by contacting Fr. Dave. An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.



## PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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### Home Blessings – will begin today, 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).

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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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Poinsettias – Please take a few poinsettias home with you! (leaving behind the water tray)

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### Parastas – We will have a Parastas (Memorial Service) for all aborted babies on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am.

The Orthodox Church believes in the sanctity of life and that life begins at conception. In the Gospel of Luke, we read of Mary's visit to Elizabeth when both were pregnant (with Jesus and John the Baptist): "For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44) Let's gather in prayer on Thursday morning.

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Greeting Cards – Please consider repurposing your greeting cards and prior church calendar icon tops after the season concludes. Our collection box is in the vestibule for the Holy Transfiguration Monastery. Thank you for giving back!

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**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Tim Martin; Shuster Family; Kirish Family; Eleanor Sanger; Mary Jane Hudak; Joanne Nelson; Patty Watson; Cindy Pavilonis.

*"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 by Tim Martin; In Memory of Michael Trella. May His Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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**Coffee Social Ministry and Sponsoring Bulletins** – The sign up sheets are available in the church hall and vestibule. For the coffee social, IF every family takes one week – the year will be filled! Please consider being a part of this stewardship ministry of our church.

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**Ice Skating Postponed** – The Jr. ACRY hosted Ice Skating event has been postponed until at least Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Additional details will be shared soon.

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**Souper Bowl of Caring** – On **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will kick off our February Community Outreach collection for St Cyril of White Lake Food Pantry at St Mary's Orthodox Church on the South Side. Please plan to bring in unexpired canned soups.

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**Coffee Social Steward Schedule**

January 26: **Open / Potluck**

February 2: Fr. Dave and Pañi Alexandra

February 9: **Open / Potluck**

*The Divine Liturgy concludes at the final blessing, but the liturgy continues downstairs as we gather in love and fellowship with our parish family and visiting neighbors. (Everyone is also encouraged to help clean up after.) Thank you to all those who support and keep this critical ministry alive in our parish!*

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**ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE**

**Neighborhood Resilience Project Grand Opening** of its new facility will be on **Saturday, January 25** from 9:30am to 1:30pm (Divine Liturgy, Facility Blessing, and Refreshments) at 2038 Bedford Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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

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**"Orthodox Christian Perspectives on Prayer"** will be presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Nicholas

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**ORTHODOX WORD OF THE WEEK**

**LITIYA** – The artoklasia (*Greek (άρτοκλασία), meaning "breaking of bread"; also litiya (Лити́я) in Church Slavonic*) is a service held at the end of Vespers, Matins (*Orthros*), or even at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Five round loaves of bread are offered by individual faithful as a sign of devotion for personal or family

Our Stewardship Gifts To God	
Stewardship:	\$ 65
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 114
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 280
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 459</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 20</b>

*Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3*

**Any Changes to our Parish Directory** – Has any of your information changed since our 2018 Parish Directory was published? Please contact Father Dave ASAP. Thank you!

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**Gertrude Hawk Candy** – Our Easter Candy Sale forms have arrived and are in the Church Hall. Please see Tim Martin with any questions.

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**Prayer requests** – During the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy, prayers are said for the sick and those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin. If silent prayers are requested, they will be offered quietly at the altar at all services. All those listed in the "Prayer Corner" are prayed for during the Proskomedia (*Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion*). Prayer requests will remain for (about) 40 days unless requested otherwise. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (*in the case of answered prayers*) to our prayer list.

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**Special Intentions** – Did you ever wonder for what reasons would a person's name go under "For the Special Intentions of..." on our Prayer Page? A special intention request is very diversified! It could be when one is under extreme job stress, struggling with spiritual issues, infertility, dealing with the loss of a loved one... the list goes on. As with the other lists on our page, one does not have to be Orthodox to be listed on there.

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**LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY**

- ✘ **Monday, January 27** – 9:30am Parastas on International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- ✘ **Thursday, February 6** – 9:30am Akathist to St. Xenia of Petersburg, Fool-for-Christ

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Symposium on **Saturday, February 22** from 2 to 4pm at 320 Munson Ave., McKees Rocks, PA. Please visit [www.OrthodoxPittsburgh.org](http://www.OrthodoxPittsburgh.org) for more information.

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anniversaries, such as name days and other occasions related to the lives of the Orthodox. The five loaves are reminiscent of the five loaves that Jesus Christ blessed in the desert and by which over five thousand of His hearers were fed.

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## LIVES OF THE SAINTS / FEAST DAY

### Theophany

Commemorated on January 19/6

Theophany / Bogoyavlenie denotes the feast whereby through the Baptism of the Lord the MostHoly Trinity has been revealed to the world (Mt. 3: 13-17; Mk. 1: 9-11; Lk. 3: 21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptised by the holy ForeRunner of the Lord John, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a Dove. From ancient times this feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since that God is Light and has appeared to illumine "those sitting in darkness and the shadow of death" (Mt. 4: 16) and to save through grace the fallen race of mankind.



gratitude for the Illumination and Purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, wherefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism – keeping clean this priceless garb, about which the feast of the Baptism tells us:

"As many as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27).

[Translator Note: literally rendered from Greek "Theophany" means "Manifestation of God", whereas "Epiphany" connotes "Manifest upon"; "Theophany" is the more accurate rendering of Slavonic "Bogoyavlenie".]

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptise catechumens at the vespers of Theophany, such that Baptism also is revealed as a spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the feast of Theophany came about in Apostolic times. Mention is made concerning it in the Apostolic Decretals. From the II Century there is preserved the testimony of Sainted Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord and performing the night vigil before this feast.

In the III Century on the feast of Theophany there is known the dialogue concerning Divine-services between the holy martyr Hyppolitus and Saint Gregory the WonderWorker. In the following centuries – from the IV to IX Century – all the great fathers of the Church – Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostomos, Ambrose of Milan, John Damascene, had their own comments about the feast of Theophany. The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this feastday, which even now is sung for Divine-services. The Monk John Damascene said, that the Lord was baptised not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but so that "by water to bury human sin", to fulfill the law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify "watery nature" and to proffer it to us in the form and example of Baptism.

On the feastday of the Baptism of Christ, Holy Church asserts our faith in the mystery – most sublime and incomprehensible to human intellect – of the Three Persons of the One God. It teaches us to confess and glorify as equally-honoured the Holy Trinity One-Essence and Undivided. It exposes and collapses the fallacies of the ancient pseudo-teachings, which attempted with reason and by human terms to explain the Creator of the world. The Church shews the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires for us a sense of deep

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### 2020 Theophany Home Blessings



#### How to prepare for your home blessing before the Priest arrives?

- ✓ Call/Text (412-748-0148) or Email ([fr.sleepless@gmail.com](mailto:fr.sleepless@gmail.com)) Fr. Dave today with your preferred windows of time.
- ✓ Have a white cloth placed on the table, an icon and/or a cross, and a candle to be lit.
- ✓ Have a list of names of all those who live in the home (*including your pets*) and a list of the departed members of your family and friends you would wish to have remembered during the service.
  - ✓ (I will provide the Holy Water for the blessing.)
- ✓ Have all TVs, radios, and cell phones turned off.
  - ✓ If you have anything to be blessed (*Icon, Cross, etc.*), have it on the table.
- ✓ Participation is important! Have everyone gather around the table and join in the blessing.
- ✓ Feel free to invite neighbors and friends over to be a part of this beautiful tradition!
  - ✓ If you need to discuss a personal matter, this is a good time to do so!

Home blessings will take place from **January 19 thru February 26.**

It would be ideal if I were able to come between 9:30am and 4pm on a weekday. IF this is not possible, certain evening, Saturday, and Sunday times will be available. I look forward to spending this time with your family! - Fr Dave



## SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

"Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures." +Saint John Chrysostom

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

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, <sup>13</sup>awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>but when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

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**Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

**The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is

fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; <sup>17</sup>and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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**LIVING ORTHODOXY**

**SIX ACTION STEPS**

**For An Intentional And Joyful New Year**

By Stacey Dorrance from [www.filledwithless.com](http://www.filledwithless.com)

New Years follow so quickly on the heels of the Christmas Season, wherein we have received the Greatest Gift of all: The Son of God becomes the Son of Man.

We are no longer alone in our lives. We have the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords to walk with us and to free us, and to fill our hearts with joy.

Yes, it's true we might have overspent because we love people. It's certainly true that we might have overeaten because we were surrounded by good food and great fellowship. And these things, in and of themselves, can get us down.

But why focus on guilt? Why not focus on a new beginning?

This New Year, let us focus on our character and become intentional about enjoying the life we have received from God, which effects our body, our soul and those we love.

**#1 - THANK GOD FOR OUR BLESSINGS**

The first step here is searching for our blessings. Everyone on earth has many blessings, even the poorest of the poor. Why? Because life itself is a blessing. Breathing, feeling, living, loving, and giving are all blessings from God, and recognizing this is the first step to living an abundant and joy-filled life.

The act of thanking God is very powerful. It means we recognize there is a Creator, and we are not Him! There is great peace in knowing we are not ultimately in charge of everything.

The greatest gift from God is our soul. Our soul is immortal...it never dies...and we will give an account as to how we adorned it. Is our soul characterized by virtue?

This New Year, let's work on our character by practicing the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Gal. 5:22-23)

This gives us plenty to work on in 2020!

*Next Week: #2 - Be Present*

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**Why Do Orthodox Christians Have their Homes Blessed?**

by *Phyllis Meshel Onest, M.Div.*

**Begin Everything with Prayer**

Since we are reminded in Scripture to begin whatever we do with prayer, it has been the practice of Orthodox Christians for centuries to have new dwellings blessed either before or just after settling in. This has been extended to one's business or office, and even college dorm rooms. "The service performed by the priest to bless the new dwelling is somewhat similar to the consecration of a church [in the Russian practice] in that holy water, holy oil, and incense are used and a lesson from the holy Gospel is read. All the rooms of the house are sprinkled with holy water and each of the four outer walls are anointed with the sign of the Cross with holy oil, a candle placed before them, and after the censuring of the house, the lesson from the Holy Gospel is read [in Greek practice the service of the Small Blessing of Waters is generally done]. At the conclusion of the blessing, the inhabitants are blessed with holy water: the husband first, followed by the wife and then the children – the oldest first. Relatives and friends present are then blessed." (Marriage and the Christian Home, by Rev. Michael B. Henning, p.24.)

**Back to "The Fall"**

From Scripture we know that whatever God created was good, but with "the Fall", evil entered the world, corrupting the creation. God the Father sent His Son Jesus to save it by effecting a "new creation". This is celebrated at Theophany, specifically with the Great



Blessing of Water. "The consecration of the waters on this feast places the entire world – through its 'prime element' of water – in the perspective of the cosmic creation, sanctification, and glorification of the Kingdom of God in Christ and the Spirit." (The Orthodox Faith, Vol. II, Worship, by Fr. Thomas Hopko, p.127.) All the readings, hymns, prayers, and actions of the day speak of God's presence in our entire world and universe, His creation.

Through water all of the creation is once again sanctified by God, becoming good again, the way God had intended.

**The Feast Of Theophany**

The Feast of Theophany commemorates the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. We know from the tropar of the day that "the Trinity was made manifest" to us. But there's more to it than this. "When Jesus descends into the depths of the river, there occurs a profound upheaval. It is not the one baptized who is purified, for he is spotless; but it is the water that is transfigured and illumined. This water, which was believed to be transparent and purifying, is in fact polluted, inhabited by evil spirits, servants of the old gods. ... By purifying the elements, by sanctifying matter, Jesus frees the cosmos from the powers of evil." (The Incarnate God, Vol. I, Catherine Aslanoff, French edition editor, translated by Paul Meyendorff, p.163.)

*Continued Next Week...*

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**SPIRITUAL VITAMINS FOR THE WEEK**

"Drink Holy Water, the more often, the better. It is the best and most effective medicine. I'm not saying this

as a priest, I'm saying it as a doctor, from my medical experience." +St. Luke the Surgeon and Archbishop

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"He who hates bad men hates all men." Yet, bad men are to be loved, so that they may not continue to be bad, just as sick men are to be loved so that they may not remain sick, but may be cured." +St Augustine

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"Let us struggle with all our powers to gain Paradise. The gate is very narrow, and don't listen to those who say that everyone will be saved. This is a trap of satan so that we won't struggle." - Saint Paisios the Athonite, Precious Vessels of the Holy Spirit

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"Try to fill your soul with Christ so as not to have it empty. Your soul is like a cistern full of water. If you

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## PRAYER CORNER

*Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions and Other Needs \**

**A Prayer For The Sick:** O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant *name(s)*.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver *him/her/them* from sickness and bitter pain. Heal *him/her/them* so that *he/she/they* may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.

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**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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**For the Special Intentions of...** Metropolitan Gregory, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin *our seminarians:* Thomas, John, Daniel and Dylan *and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee:* Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Anthony, Mary Jane, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Margaret, John, John, Todd *and for those who labor towards our Community Outreach ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.*

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**Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):**

John Sharpless - St John the Baptist (1/20)  
*(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)*

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**Birthday Prayers for...** Kevynn Christina Anton (1/19), Patricia Watson (1/19), *Father's Nephew,*

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## DEVOTIONAL PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:



### A Prayer For The Sanctity Of Life

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: You were pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Your All-Holy Spirit. O Master, Who came that we might have life more abundantly, we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish, and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the light of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with Your Father, and Your All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

channel the water to the flowers, that is, to the virtues, you will experience true joy and all the thorns of evil will wither away. But if you channel the water to the weeds, these will grow and choke you and all the flowers will wither." + St. Porphyrios of Kafsokalyvia

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"God descends to the humble as waters flow down from the hills into the valleys." +St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

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" To pray without the Spirit is to breathe without air, or eat without food, or drink without water. It is impossible: yet how often we make the vain attempt!" - Bishop Irenei Steenberg

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Nicholas Ditmore (1/19), Fr Joseph Fester (1/19), Kathy Schrmack (1/22), *Father's niece,* Abiageal Verbanick (1/22), Thomas Lorenzi (1/23) ...*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! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!*

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**For our Catechumens & Inquirers...** Dustin, Stephen, Daniel, Susan ...*through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.*

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**For those preparing for Marriage...** Carly & Kyle, Ashley & Derek ...*through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.*

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**For Pregnant Mothers...** Mallory Ann, Caitlinn, Allison, Pañi Stacey, Pañi Ileana, Faith...*through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, & St Irene Chrysovalantou.*

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**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities...** Thomas R. Dzadoovsky, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...*through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.*

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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*

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\* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (*in the case of answered prayers*) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another.** Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. *This prayer list is NOT limited to only Orthodox Christians.*