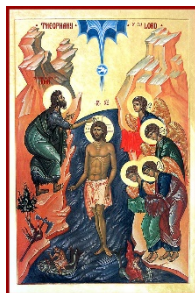


JANUARY 19, 2020

Epiphany



The 6/19 of January is the feast of the Epiphany. Originally it was the one Christian feast of the “shining forth” of God to the world in the human form of Jesus of Nazareth. It included the celebration of Christ’s birth, the adoration of the Wisemen, and all of the childhood events of Christ such as His circumcision and presentation to the temple as well as His baptism by John in the Jordan. There seems to be little doubt that this feast, like Easter and Pentecost, was understood as the fulfillment of a previous Jewish festival, in this case, the Feast of Lights.

Epiphany means shining forth or manifestation. The feast is often called, as it is in the Orthodox service books, Theophany, which means the shining forth and the manifestation of God. The emphasis in the present-day celebration is on the appearance of Jesus as the human Messiah of Israel and the divine Son of God, One of the Holy Trinity with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Thus, in the baptism by John in the Jordan, Jesus identifies Himself with sinners as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (Jn 1.29), the “Beloved” of the Father whose messianic task it is to redeem men from their sins (Lk 3.21, Mk 1.35). And he is revealed as well as One of the Divine Trinity testified to by the voice of the Father, and by the Spirit in the form of a dove. This is the central epiphany glorified in the main hymn of the feast:

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee his Beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of his Word. O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee (Troparion).

The services of Epiphany are set up exactly as those of Christmas, although historically it was most certainly Christmas which was made to imitate Epiphany since it was established later. Once again, the Royal Hours and the Liturgy of Saint Basil are celebrated together with Vespers on the eve of the feast; and the Vigil is made up of Great Compline and Matins.

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

Service This Week: Monday, January 20th St. John the Baptist-Divine Liturgy is at 9:30 am

Visits: Dan Radakovich, Tapestry Senior Living - Moon Twp./Diane Abramovich, Beaver Valley Rehab – Chippewa/
Nell Semick, Patricia Butler - Franciscan Manor, Beaver Falls/Laurie Jovon - Blair Personal Homes - Beaver Falls
Alex Yawor - Christian House - East Palestine/MaryAnn Dragoslovich - Heritage Valley Beaver/Dayna Milich - UPMC Presby Pittsburgh

FUNERAL: Give rest O Lord to thy departed servant **NICHOLAS MISTOVICH** and make his memory to be eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his family, kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

Next Sunday we are celebrating our children’s Slava SVETI SAVA

Mother’s Club will serve a festal luncheon

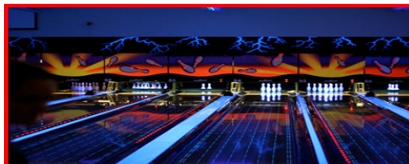
Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Salad, Homemade desserts

Adult donation \$10.00 children FREE!

Our Sunday School Children, together with their teachers have prepared a wonderful program for all who are in attendance. We are looking forward to celebrating Saint Sava with you!

On **Monday, Jan 27th -The Feast Day of St Sava** - With the blessing of His Grace Bishop IRINEJ the Pittsburgh and the Cleveland deaneries will celebrate Saint Sava together at the St Sava Cathedral in Parma, OH. All faithful are invited to gather at the St. Sava Cathedral, Parma, OH as the local churches will be closed on that day.

ST. ELIJAH CHOIR'S 18th ANNUAL BOWLING "BALL" fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 22nd 2020 at Sheffield Lanes starting at 1:30 p.m. Please pick-up a form and send it in ASAP space is limited to 20 Teams!



Music for the day provided by-Dan, Dokie, and Prsti. Not a bowler, you may still join us at the lanes to cheer your favorite team on and then head back to the center for dinner. Reservations for dinner are appreciated!

HOME BLESSINGS- Fr Branislav will start blessing homes on Tuesday, Jan 21st and will call a day or two ahead to schedule a visit. If you have not been contacted by Fr Branislav in the past and you would like your home to be blessed - please share your contact info with him by calling the parish office and he will schedule a visit. Week one is scheduled for Aliquippa and Center Township.

The **Fellowship & Ministry** group would like to extend their gratitude to our parishioners for their generous gifts and volunteer hours for the **Hristos se Rodi Od Srca** project. We delivered to 46 homebound parishioners, all of which were overjoyed and beyond thankful for our visits and gifts. Thank you!

On Tuesday, February 4th 5:30pm-6:30pm St. Elijah will host the **Manna Soup Kitchen** dinner at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church (2100 Irwin St) for the underserved in our community. If you are able to volunteer your time to help serve, visit the guests, or donate desserts (enough for all guests) please speak with Marija Yaramus. Thank you!