# Вісті Української Католицької Парохії Святої Покрови St. Mary's Church Bulletin



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## **DIVINE LITURGY:**

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) SUNDAY 10:30 a.m. (English)

**SATURDAY**: 4:00 pm (English)

**Confession**: Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request. **Baptisms & Marriages**: By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

**Visitations & Anointing of the Sick**: Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

## January 22, 2017 Sunday after Theophany

Epistle Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 see explanation on page 446

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 see explanation on page 11

Propers for the Divine Liturgy: tone 6

## Prayer Intentions (January 23 – January 29)

Monday	4:30 p.m.	+Malucha Alicia – Fr. Petro
Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	+Johney Gemottine (nephew) – Adeline Lalonde
Wednesday		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday	4:30 p.m	Thanksgiving Josef Daszkiewicz & Ivan Bodnar – Fr. Petro
Friday	4:30 p.m.	+Patricia Kowal (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv) – Fr.Petro
Saturday	4:00 pm	For Parishioners
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	40 Day +Mykhailo Manowych – S.W. Sharyj
	10:30 a.m.	+David Slobodian – Nettie Slobodian

ЗАПРОШУЄМО на Концерт КОЛЯДОК - "A Christmas Concert by the Ukrainian Rhapsodia Choir will take place in the church on SUNDAY JANUARY 22@3:00p.m. Everyone welcome. Admission by donation."

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE – SATURDAY, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 2017. Gala Banquet & Dance. Tickets \$100.00 with a \$75.00 Tax Receipt issued. Tickets can be obtained from the parish office at 705-675-8244.

**TAI CHI EXERCISES**: Exercises for beginners will begin Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 10:15 to 11:30 and they will continue for ten consecutive weeks. These exercises are being sponsored by the Parkinson Support Group of Sudbury and St. Mary's Senior's. Everyone is welcome from seniors to youth. Come join us!

## **Sunday After Theophany**

This past week, on January 19th, we celebrated the feast of Theophany, which means "The Manifestation of God." Jesus was baptized by John in the river Jordan and at that moment, in a sense, God gave us His "family photo." God showed Himself to be One God, yet three Persons. The Son of God was immersed into the waters having become man; the Holy Spirit is was seen alighting upon Him in the form of a dove, confirming that He is truly the Son of God and the promised Messiah; and finally, the heavens were opened and the voice of the Father was heard proclaiming: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!"

SO, WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THIS GREAT EVENT? What happens immediately after Jesus is baptized in the Jordan? The Scriptures tell us that JESUS was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted and to be confronted by the spiritual forces of evil. What seems to be very unusual here is that Jesus goes into the wilderness not because He decided to do so, on His own, but because THE SPIRIT OF GOD led Him there. It is the will of God; it is all a part of God's plan.

In the wilderness, Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights, after which he became very hungry. The tempter then came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

In other words, what the tempter was saying is this: "You're hungry... satisfy yourself. So what if God has not told you to do this. Why do you have to listen to His voice anyway? Do your own thing. Act on your own. Follow your own will. Use the powers that have been given to you for your own needs."

In our daily life as Christians, we often hunger and seek to be filled, to be satisfied, to be content. It's not just a hunger for food that we experience, but a hunger for many other things. The devil then confronts us with the same type of lie, "Are you hungry? Satisfy yourself. So what if God has told you not to do this or that. Why do you have to wait for His word or direction anyway? Do your own thing; follow your own will (be your own person), take care of yourself, because no one else will. Whatever gifts you have, use them for your own needs and satisfaction!" Jesus then answers the devil and says, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Our hunger can only be satisfied by God. His will is to be our food. If we hunger for God, His word, for His will, and His righteousness, then we shall be satisfied. But if we seek to be satisfied elsewhere, on our own terms, we will spiritual wither and die.

The devil then tested Jesus a second time. He took him up into the holy city of Jerusalem and set him high up on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He shall give His angels charge over you,' and 'in their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone." In other words, what the tempter was saying is, "Test the Lord God, to see if He really cares for you. You really can't be sure about His faithfulness, His love or His protection over you, until you make Him prove it."

But God's love for us is a basic given, that does not need to be tested. He loves us with an unconditional love and He will never abandon us, even though we may be tempted to think so. When we suffer hardships in life, in our pain we may feel very much alone, abandoned, rejected or forgotten. But that is always the furthest thing from the truth. God is always there with us, loving us, even in the midst of our pain and suffering.

And so, Jesus then turns to the devil and says, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God." Next, the devil takes Jesus up on a very high mountain, and he shows Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And the devil said to Jesus, "All these I will give you if you will fall down and worship me."

In other words, what the devil is saying is this, "Forget about this kingdom that is to come. It requires repentance, which means effort and sacrifice. Instead, you can have all it now: all these kingdom of the world and all the power and glory associated with them; it can have it without repentance, without any need for personal change, growth, struggle or effort. All you have to do is to follow me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve."

On the day of our baptism, we renounced the devil and any association with him. We proclaimed our allegiance to Christ God; we united ourselves to Jesus and promised to serve Him alone, as our King and our God.

In our Baptism we were immersed into the death of Christ on the cross; we died with Him and were buried with Him; and if we were buried with Him, then we have also risen with Him to live a new life. The Spirit of God has come down upon us to anoint us, to fill us and to dwell within us. Chrismation was the moment of our personal Pentecost and the beginning of our ministry in the service of the Lord.

And so what happened after this great event, when we were filled with the Holy Spirit? – The same thing that happened to Jesus. The Spirit of God led us into the wilderness, just as He had led Jesus. It was all part of God's plan. Our loyalty and faithfulness to God must be tested, so that we may grow. We are to face temptations in life and overcome them.

So where is the wilderness? The wilderness is outside these walls. The wilderness is the world in which we live in today, a world chosen for us by Adam and Eve, a world that knows both good and evil. Living in this world, we are confronted by the presence of God, His peace and tranquility; but at the same time, we are also confronted by the spiritual forces of evil.

**THANK YOU!** A heartfelt thank you goes to **Helen Stesco** for all the beautiful decorating she has volunteered to do for our Church throughout the year. Your talented work is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

<u>PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION</u> - every Sunday after 10:30 Divine Liturgy in the classroom. Please, contact Marusia for more information.

<u>REQUEST FOR BLESSING HOMES with JORDAN WATER</u> – Father Peter again will come and visit your home with Jordan Water. If you would like visit on a specific day and time please, call the parish office or request it by email gucior@yahoo.com. Thank You!

<u>ЙОРДАНСЬКІ ВІДВІДИНИ З СВЯЧЕНОЮ ВОДОЮ</u> – як звичайно о. Петро буде в тому році відвідувати всіх парафіян зі свяченою водою. Коли хтось бажає домовитися на відвідини, просимо дзонити до парафіяльної канцелярії.

<u>ПРИГОТОВАННЯ ДО ПЕРШОГО СВЯТОЧНОГО ПРИЧАСТЯ І СВ. СПОВІДІ</u> – відбуваються кожної неділі о год 12 обіду.

Хрестителю Христовий, проповіднику покаяння, не відкинь мене, що каюся, але, єднаючись із небесними воїнствами, молися до Владики за мене недостойного, лінивого, немічного й засмученого, що потрапив у багато лих і обтяжений бурхливими думками ума свого. Я бо є пристановищем злих діл, ніяк не кладучи кінець гріховним звичкам своїм — розум бо мій прибитий до земних речей. Що робити — не знаю, і до кого прибігти, щоб спасенна була душа моя? Лише до тебе, святий Іване, одноіменного благодаті, бо знаю тебе як перед Господом, після Богородиці, більшого за народжених усіх. Ти бо сподобився торкнутися голови Царя Христа, Агнця Божого, що бере гріхи світу. Моли Його за грішну душу мою, щоб віднині, немов о годині одинадцятій, взяв я на себе благий тягар і прийняв заплату з останніми. О Хрестителю Христовий, достойний Предтече, останній пророче, перший мученику, посників та пустельників наставнику, чистоти вчителю й близький друже Христовий! Тебе молю, до тебе прибігаю: не відкинь мене від твого заступництва, але підійми мене, що впав багатьма гріхами. Обнови душу мою покаянням, як другим хрещенням, бо ти обох єси проповідник. Випроси мені істинне покаяння й відпущення гріхів та даруй увійти туди, куди ніщо скверне не входить — у Царство Небесне. Амінь.

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