

Our Vision: *To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others*

January 3rd, 2016

Today's commemorated feasts and saints
31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Forefeast of the Theophany. Sunday before Theophany. Holy Prophet Malachi (400 B.C.). Martyr Gordius at Cæsarea in Cappadocia (4th c.). Ven. Genevieve of Paris (5th c.).

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)
 The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took captive hell, // not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion of the Forefeast

Prepare, O Zebulon; and adorn yourself, O Naphthali! River Jordan, cease flowing and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our First Mother and do not hide yourself as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. // Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Tone 4 Troparion (*Martyr Gordius*)

Your holy martyr Gordius, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For, having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercessions save our souls!

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Prophet Malachi*)

Endowed with the gift of prophecy, O Malachi, you clearly proclaimed the saving coming of Christ to the world. // His brightness has brought light to the whole universe.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Martyr Gordius*)

Holy Gordius, the earth has received the sweat of your labors; the blood you shed has made the universe rejoice. Save by your prayers those who sing of your glory in faith, // fittingly honoring you, divine and glorious martyr, worthy of all praise.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*of the Forefeast*)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: "Do not be afraid to baptize me. // For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! (Ps 27/28:9) *v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!* (Ps 27/28:1)

Epistle 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (*Sunday before Theophany*)

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Your countenance upon us, and have mercy on us! (Ps 66/67:1-2)

v: That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations. (Ps 66/67:3)

Gospel Mark 1:1-8 (*Sunday before Theophany*)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Announcements

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This week we are celebrating the great feast of **Theophany!** Also, it is **House Blessing season** again! If you would like your house blessed this year please add your name to the sign up sheet on the candle desk.

Pledge Cards for 2016 are in your mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider your giving and how you can do your part to help the ministry of the Church!

The **Coffee Hour sheet** for the first half of 2016 has been posted on the bulletin board.

Parish Council nominations are open for 2016, if you are interested in possibly serving on Parish Council, please see Fr Stacey or Kathy.

Orthodox theology courses offered through the Diocese of the Midwest (St. Macrina Institute) will be offered in Cleveland starting in January. These courses are available to all, but are specifically designed for continuing education and for those training for teaching roles in the parish and for the diaconate. More information is on the bulletin board, but please check out <http://www.stmacrina.org/apply/> The first course will be on Orthodox Spirituality, starting January 10.

10 motorcycles for the Archdiocese of Kenya There are some 250 priests serving the Archdiocese of Kenya. Many of them minister to multiple communities, some of which are extremely remote and only accessible by foot or motorbike. The distance between communities presents another obstacle in serving the faithful regularly. "With this in mind, I would like to ask our diocesan parishes and missions to raise alms during the Nativity Fast to purchase at least 10 motorcycles for the Archdiocese of Kenya," Bishop Paul wrote in [a letter addressed to all Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese](#). "One motorcycle costs a mere \$1,000.00. Perhaps one parish can donate the entire amount to purchase a motorcycle; two parishes could donate \$500.00 each to purchase one, or four parishes might donate \$250.00 each to purchase another. Of course, any gifts of any amount would be greatly appreciated. What a wonderful way for parishes of our diocese to work together to raise these funds."



JANUARY

Samuel Monahan
Erin Haywood
Mark Chenoweth
Pete Mudrak
Sarah Powell
Mary-Ann Frischkorn
Ed Romano
Mark Gall



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!



Fellowship

If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.

CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic Orthodox Christianity.

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings

Coffee Hour Schedule

JAN. 3 ROMANO, FEDORKO, MUDRAK
JAN. 10 DEVITTO-SKILES, WAGSTER, KOSITA
JAN. 17 MATHEWSON, FRISCHKORN, BYRNES
JAN. 24 KISHA, MONAHAN, KISHA-WISE, ARCHER
JAN. 31 POWELL, BLANCHARD, LEWIS, CONDO
FEB. 7 TAPYRIK, CROSTON, HAYWOOD, RICHTER, MILLER
FEB. 14 HUBA, WESCOTT, KRAJCI, BRANDON
FEB. 21 DEVITTO-SKILES, GATES, ROMANO
FEB. 28 TAPYRIK, FEDORKO, MUDRAK, FRISCHKORN
MARCH 6 ST. ANN'S



This Week:

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<i>Today</i>	
Hours	9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:15 AM
Church School	11:30 PM
Royal Hours for Theophany	5:30 PM
<i>Tuesday</i>	
Great Vespers, Great Blessing of Waters	6:30 PM
<i>Wednesday</i>	
Divine Liturgy for Theophany	9:30 AM
Outdoor Blessing of Water at Stadium Park	12 PM
<i>Saturday</i>	
Great Vespers	5:00 PM
<i>Next Sunday</i>	
Hours	9:15 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:30 AM