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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Forefeast of the Theophany. Repose of Ven. Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov (1833). Sunday before Theophany. St. Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335). Ven. Sylvester of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Righteous Juliana of Lazarévsk (Múrom—1604). Hieromartyr Theogenes, Bishop of Parium on the Hellespont (ca. 320).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

9:15 AM – HOURS

9:30 PM – DIVINE LITURGY

11:00 AM – 12:30 – CHURCH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

EVE OF THEOPHANY

9:30AM - VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY

FOLLOWED BY GREAT BLESSING OF WATERS

6:00PM - GREAT COMPLINE WITH LITJA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

9:30AM - DIVINE LITURGY; BLESSING OF WATERS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

OLD CALENDAR CHRISTMAS

10:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY IN CHURCH SLAVONIC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

5:30 PM - CONFESSIONS

6:00 PM - VESPERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

9:15 AM - HOURS

9:30AM - DIVINE LITURGY

11:00 AM – 12:30 AM – CHURCH SCHOOL



Today's Hymns

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Forefeast)*

Prepare, O Zebulun, / and adorn thyself, O Naphtali! / River Jordan, cease flowing, / and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! / Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, / and do not hide yourselves 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 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(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 *(Sunday Before Theophany)*

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us. (Ps. 66:1)

V. That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all the nations. (Ps. 66:2)

Tone 6

V. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)

Communion Hymn

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

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Today's Readings

2 TIMOTHY 4:5-8 (EPISTLE): ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

MARK 1:1-8 (GOSPEL): ¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. ³The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" ⁴John came baptizing in

the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ⁵ Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

CANDLE SPONSORSHIPS FOR NOVEMBER: Vigil Candles, Icons of Christ and the Theotokos, Departed Members, Wirchansky Family: **Janet, Peter, Christina, Anne, Helen & Anastasia.** Living: **Wirchansky, Seckerson & Carlucci Families.** Vigil Candle, St. Nicholas, South Kliros, Newly Departed **Regina** Cataldo and **Christina** Sceppaquercia.

PRAYER LIST - For health: **Fr. Vitaly** Bahanovich; **Archimandrite Joseph;** **Martin** Napierski; **Olha Brandalska;** **Sister Peter Paul;** **Theodore** Ryan; **George** Worbey; **John, Kerry, Katie and Vanessa** Nolan; **Sister Mathias;** **Anna** Bolinski; **George** Wislocki; **Newborn Michael** and his parents **Michael** and **Elena** Paolercio; **Zofia** Kowalczyk; **Alonzo & Edith** Cromwell; **Melanie** Kowalczyk; **Kathleen** Nolan; **Dianne, Gregory, Vada, Maria;** **Richard** Wisniewski; **Ilia** Gogichaoshvili; **Christina Marie** Czyzk; **Vera** Tkachuk and **Peter** Bullock; **Nikolai & Nadezhda** Solidnov; **Bill** Bodack; **John** and **Eugenia** Gribb; **Helen** Homa; **Helen** Maybo; **Nancy** Prusak; **Stephanie** Phillips; **Edward** Wirchansky; **Angela, Lorette;** Children **Monika & Dasha, Daniel, Ella;** **Elaine** Piniat (missionary work); **Judith** Mastronardi; **Dave & Suzanne.**

Catechumens: **Brian** Paetzold, **Ara** Levitt

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – our parish sons & daughters, OCF chapter members, AND those at nearby colleges who make HTOC their spiritual home away from home! **Tatiana** Balasenowich, **Joe** Ciamarra, **Andrew, Peter & Frances** Nolan; **Olivia** Reduto; **Stephanie** Rzyzyk; **Matthew, Justyna, Thomas & Lukas** Skalski; **Adriana, Emily, & Victoria** (Vika) Szpynda; **Moses** Turner; **Katherine & Olivia** Wislocki.

FOR BLESSED REPOSE FOR THE SOULS OF: **Newly Departed +Christopher** Camp; **Newly Departed:** **+Archpriest Igor** Soroka, **+Sophie** Ozerov; **+Alexandr** Batuev; **+Levan** Urpanishvili; **+Brian** Coyle; **+Mitered Archpriest Sergei** Glagolev; **+Ludmilla** Branzow; **+Mitered Archpriest Michael** Koblosh, **+Mitered Protopresbyter Leonid** Kishkowski, **+Archpriest Stephen** Janos **Newly Departed + Joseph & Olga** Kowalczyk; **+Adele** Ward, **+Olga** Donski, **+Michael** Tolstoy, **+Archpriest Nilus,** **+Archpriest Basil** Summer, **+Volodymyr** Rij, **+Kent,** **+Archpriest John** Tkachuk, **+Archpriest John** Chupeck, **+Protodeacon John** Eby, **+George & +Stella** Bolinski, **+Job,** **+Anatole** Honczarenko, **Departed: His Eminence Archbishop David,** **+Joseph,** **+Vyacheslav**

Miroshnikov, + **Nina** Orel, +**Laura** Nolan, +**Leonel** Rufini, + **Eugene** Balasenowich, Sr., +**Boris** Lyzak, +**Joseph** Rienzi.

ABOUT THEOPHANY HOME BLESSING

The Church teaches us to sanctify everything: dwellings, places of work, all our pursuits, and the fruits of our labor. The home blessing at Theophany represents a renewal of our lives in Christ. Washed in the baptismal waters, our homes become temples of the Holy Spirit for the fulfillment of the will of our Heavenly Father. This is why the Church blesses everything that can be found in a Christian home; and if something is not worthy of being blessed, then there should not be a place for it in the home of a Christian.

After you have set-up your appointment with the parish priest here is how to prepare for your house blessing:

All who reside in the household should make every effort to be present for the Blessing. We gather in the dining room. On your dining room table or family icon corner, set

- A lit candle

- A Theophany icon or another icon of Christ

Make a list of the baptismal names of family members you wish to pray for (you can use a Commemoration List from Church, fill in both living and departed sides)

- Optional items

 - A small bowl (if you need more Holy Water for your home).

 - A bunch of fresh green basil or other greens bundled together

Make sure your rooms are lit (if at night) and open doors to rooms for ease of entry. Also please remember to “turn off your electronic devices.”

If you have pets, make sure they become accustomed to the visitors so they don't bark or jump up during the service. We encourage you to have your pets blessed, too.

When the priest arrives everyone in the house should gather around the table/family altar and join in prayer and singing.

If there are children, they usually carry the icon and a candle to lead the priest from room to room. If not the head of the household will lead the priest.

After the blessing we all gather back around the icon for the concluding prayers.

When a priest visits, there is a pious custom in some places that the family makes a donation to the priest for gas and other expenses. This is appreciated, but it should not be thought of as a requirement. The scripture tells us “Freely you have received, freely give”. The priest comes to the home because he wants God's blessing to be upon it, and to know those in his flock better and to be available to them.

To set up the appointment for your home blessing please call Fr. Vlad at 914-965-6815 or email him at frvlad@holytrinityyonkers.org.