

**Sunday before Theophany**  
**Circumcision of our Lord**  
**January 1, 2023**

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

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*Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>*

NO SERVICES

*Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>*

9:30 AM + **Martha Durbak**– by Mary Covert

*Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)

5:30PM Rosary

6:00PM **Moleben in Times of War: For the Suffering Land of Ukraine and her Children**

*Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>*

NO SERVICES

*Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> Theophany of Our Lord*

9:30 AM + **Members of the BVM Sodality** – by the Crookston Family

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*Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 PM + **Yurii Shevchuk**– by John Stecura

***Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Theophany***

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

**Christmas Prospora Dinner**

**Book Study:**

If you would like to jump start your new year spiritually, you may find inspiration and support through our book study group as we take a spiritual journey with Walter J. Ciszek through the book **With God in Russia**. This is the classic memoir by American-born Jesuit priest who survived fifteen years of imprisonment in the Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War. A great story of spirit and courage.

Tuesday mornings 10:30am to 12:00pm. First meeting Jan 17. Please read the introduction.

*In Memory of Anna Chrapko \$100. In memory of Walter & Pauline Halamay \$100. In Memory of Yurii Shevchuk \$1100.*

***No Saturday Liturgy on January 14<sup>th</sup>***

**DONATIONS – December 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Sunday:	\$2,512
Christmas:	\$2,720
Christmas offering:	\$100
In Memory:	\$1,450
Ukraine:	\$2,165
Pyrohy:	\$187
Seminary:	\$230
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,950</b>

**THEOPHANY:**

On January 6 the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ. The word “Theophany” means “Manifestation of God” and it refers to the fact that the Lord has manifested Himself to all of creation in three Persons. The Father testifies from on high to the Divine Sonship of Jesus, the Son receives this testimony from the Father, and the Holy Spirit descends from the Father in the form of a dove, and rests upon the Son from all eternity. This is the first manifestation of the greatest of all mysteries - the Holy Trinity “one in essence and undivided” – a doctrine unique to Christianity. Our Lord’s public ministry commenced with His Baptism in the River Jordan at the hands of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John. Baptism is the symbol of death and resurrection, and Christ became incarnate in order to die and rise from the dead. Baptism is a symbol of repentance and forgiveness, and Christ came as the Lamb of God who takes upon Himself the sin of the world. Baptism is a symbol of sanctification, and Christ has come to sanctify the whole of creation. Baptism is a symbol of radical renewal. Whenever one is baptized, the old has passed and the new has come. Christ has appeared in order to make all things new. The act of baptism, therefore, contains in symbol the entire mystery of Christ, the whole purpose of His coming. Every year on the Feast of Theophany, a great miracle is performed in our churches.

**CHRISTMAS PROSPHORA DINNER:**

The Annual Holy Ghost Parish Prospora Dinner will take place on **Sunday, January 8, 2023**, following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. **All parishioners and visitors are invited.**

To ensure a variety of foods at this pot-luck fellowship meal, we kindly ask that you inform Mary or Irene as to what you would like to bring.

The parish will provide kielbasa, pyrohy and kolachi

*We also accept monetary donations to help cover the kielbasa cost. Thank you!*

**BLESSING OF HOMES:**

Father Sal will bless homes this year upon request. If you wish to have your home blessed, forms are available in the vestibule. Do not approach the priests with your request. You may place your request in the in the box in

the vestibule, the collection basket or deliver the form to the rectory office mailbox, and Father will call to schedule a visit. He looks forward to visiting you!

"He who accepts you receives me" (Mt 10:40) - Jesus said to the Apostles. He also ordered: "When you enter a house, first say: Peace be upon this house! If a man is living there is worthy of peace, your world will remain on it "(Luke 10:5-6).

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:**

If you know of any lonely parishioners who, for various reasons (age or illness, etc.) are at home or in nursing homes and are not visited by the parish priest, please let us know so that we can visit them.

**2023 Church Calendars:**

are available for you in the vestibule.

### **From the Homily for the New Year By Saint John Chrysostom**

**A** Christian should not merely celebrate appointed feasts, or new moons, or even merely the Lord's Day [Sunday], but, rather, a Christian should continually hold a feast throughout the whole of life. How should it be? Let us listen to the Holy Apostle Paul, who says: "Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (1 Corinthians 5:8)." Therefore, if you have a clean conscience, you are already holding a continual feast, because you are nourishing yourself with good hope and reveling in the delight of good things to come. Whenever you are restless in spirit and guilty of many sins, even if there be a thousand feasts and holy days, you would be no better off than those who are grieving. What is the benefit to me of bright days, if my soul is darkened in conscience? For what is the benefit to me of bright days, if my soul is darkened by reproaches of conscience? If, then, you wish to gain some benefit from the New Year, do the following: thank the Lord at the end of the year, because He has led you up to this point. Have compunction in your heart for every bad thing that you do. Reckon up the time of your life and say to yourself, "The days are fleeting, the years are passing, I have already lived through the greater part of my journey, and what good have I done? Will I be able to depart from this life without any virtue? Judgment is at the doors, and the remainder of life leads towards old age. "Let your light shine before others, so that, seeing your good works, they may give glory to your Father who is in Heaven (Matthew 5:16)." This light brings you much recompense. Do not crown the door of your house, but rather conduct your life in such a way, that you will receive a crown of righteousness upon your head from the Savior.