

# NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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5 January 2020

*Eve of Theophany*

*Sunday before Theophany*

*Hieromartyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia & Martyr Theonas*

*Venerable Syncretica of Alexandria; Prophet Micah*

*Virgin Martyr Apollinaria of Egypt;*

*Venerable Phosterius the Hermit; Venerable Romanos*

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 4:5-8                      **Tone:** Menaion

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8                              **Reader:** Andrei Marinich

Matthew 3:13-17

*Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*

*Christ is Baptized! In the River Jordan!*

## UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:

Mon., January 6	<i>The Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ</i>
Tues., January 7	<i>Synaxis of the St. John the Baptist</i>
Sun., January 12	<i>Sunday after Theophany</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Memorial Litia (John Sherby)
Fri., January 17	<i>St. Anthony the Great</i>
Sun., January 19	<i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** It is the tradition of Orthodox Christians to have their homes blessed following the Feast of the Theophany, please speak to Fr. Vasyl after Liturgy to arrange a date and time for your home to be blessed this year.

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (January):** Leanna Duh (4), Oleg Marinich (5), Kathleen Marinich (10), MaryAnn Quartuccio (11), Nancy Ratai (22), His Eminence Metropolitan Antony (30)

**IN MEMORIAM (January):** Mary Kucharsky, Sam Dachnevitch, Rev. Fedir Tonn, Alexander Grushewsky, Paul Shlanta, Mikita Gonick, Anthony Pawlik, Stephanie Pawlik, John Sherby, Sr., Anna Shern, Peter Hetryk, Joseph Machyowsky, Mary Kerencev, Alexander Dziomba, Kathryn Krotchuk, Anna Gonick, Andrew Zwolinsky, John Krotchuk, Stella Jarema, Kathleen Kazlau, Nicholas Huley.

**READER'S LIST:** Anita Anderson (1/12), Mike Ratai (1/19), Andy Olear (1/26)

**CAROLING FOR CHRIST:** The annual caroling concert will take place on Saturday, January 11th at 1 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Somerset. Concert is free and there will be vendors.

**ST. SOPHIA SEMINARY FUNDRAISER:** The seminarians are selling polos (\$28), sweatshirts (\$35), water bottles (\$10) and the super popular aprons (\$20). They are available for purchase on the UOC of USA on-line bookstore or in person at the Consistory.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Join Archbishop Daniel and the Seminarians of St. Sophia Seminary to travel to Washington, DC on January 24, 2020. If you would like to go, contact [consistoryOPR@aol.com](mailto:consistoryOPR@aol.com). If you cannot join, please join us in prayer that day.

**DONATIONS TO THE PARISH:** Use the Help/Building Envelopes to cover the following bills: \$190 plumbing job at the parish home; \$650 landscaping bill for the property; \$750 roofing repair bill.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will take place after Divine Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month.

**PRAYERS:** Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Petro, Fr. Oleh, Fr. Volodymyr, Fr. Stephen, Fr. George, Fr. James, Fr. Nestor, Fr. William, Fr. Andrew, Protodeacon Michael, Maryanne Quartuccio, Flo Ratai, Kathie Thomas, Edward, Natalia, Nagy, George, Emil, Anna, Emily Tucker, Verona, Mona, Myrophora and Penelope. *If you or your loved ones are sick or in the hospital, please let Fr. Vasyl know.*

*Out of respect for God's House, please keep all communication to a minimum.  
Please join us in the church hall after Liturgy for food and fellowship.  
Attend Church as a Family!*