

Parish Life January 6 - 14

Saturday, January 6 *Feast of Theophany*

- 9am **Theophany Liturgy** w/ indoor water blessing
- 1pm Pan-Orthodox Blessing of Ohio River
- 6:30pm **Great Vespers**
- 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, January 7 *Synaxis of St. John the Baptist*

- (no Sunday School)
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- Singing of Many Years and Car Blessings
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (Team III - Bradshaw)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Inessa, Tanya)

Monday, January 8

Tuesday, January 9

- 6:30pm Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at UK

Wednesday, January 10

- 6:30pm **Vespers**
- 7:20pm Christian Ed Class: Fr. Roman Braga Interview

Thursday, January 11 *Ven. Theodosius the Cenobiarch*

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

- 6:30pm **Great Vespers**
- 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, January 14

- 9am Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12:30pm Fellowship Hour (Team IV - Cook)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Lisa, Linda)
- 2:15pm Youth Group / Attending Events for MLK Day



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Today's Readings: Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17



The **Great Blessing of Water** is held on the eve of the **feast** of the **Theophany** (January 5) and/or the feast of Theophany itself (January 6), following the **Divine Liturgy**. The blessing remembers the event of the Lord's **baptism**, the revelation of the **Holy Trinity**, and also expresses Orthodoxy's belief that **creation** is sanctified through **Christ**.

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Sunday After Theophany / Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

Welcome to all visitors who are with us today!

NOTE: HOLY COMMUNION IS GIVEN ONLY TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE KEPT FAST, MADE RECENT CONFESSION, AND ARE AT PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS.

Many Years will be sung today at the end of Liturgy for the January birthdays, namesdays, anniversaries.

House Blessings begin this afternoon in Wilmore. Please sign up today if you want a house blessing, so Father can plan his January schedule.

Vespers served on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30pm.

Following we will observe the 40-Day Memorial w/Koliva for Dr. Allen. The Christian Education Class will meet following the (15 minute) Memorial Service and will discuss an interview with Fr. Roman Braga who grew up and served in Romania under a communist regime.

Next week for the Christian Ed Class, Fr. Justin will begin a 4-week series on the book, "The Arena" by Bishop Ignatius (Brianchaninov). This will take us to the beginning of Great Lent when we will begin our Wednesday soup & salad meals w/Lenten Reflections/Readings following Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Church Women United will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 9:30am at Southern Hills United Methodist Church on Harrodsburg Road. The guest speaker will be Polly Ruddick, Director of Homelessness Prevention for Lexington/Fayette County. As Christian women, their motto is: "Agree to differ, resolve to love, unite to serve."

Sunday School Resumes next Sunday the 14th at 9am.

Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 21.

Date	Lead Servers	Bread Ministry	Doorkeeper	Greeter	Fellowship Hour	Hand-maidens	Prospora
Jan 6/7	JP / Jared	Inessa / Tanya	Jeff Hart	Josh Lourie	Team III Bradshaw	Suzannah / Shannon	Mary Bradshaw
Jan 13/14	Liam / Silas	Lisa / Linda	Chris Naughton	John Mize	Team IV Cook	Teresa / Myra	Sarah Holiday
Jan 20/21	Abial / Jared	Collins & Hannah, Karis	Linda, Myra Shannon	Rebecca Wilson	Team V Kamau	Anya / Mandariah	Sarah Holiday
Jan 27/28	JP / Silas	Ben / Becca	Paul Frangedakis	Josh Lourie	Team VI Verenich	Becca / Karis	Ryan Winter

Etiquette Corner - Lighting Candles

Lighting candles is an important part of Orthodox Christian worship. The first thing we need to understand about candles is that they are an offering we make to God through the church. If we regularly support the parish, it is fine to take a certain amount of candles per month. But if we do not regularly tithe or if we visit another parish, the use of candles is a sign of "my own personal offering" or sacrifice. (Children, too, should be taught to sacrifice in this way—never just taking a candle and lighting it without an offering!) We each take a candle, make gift for it, and then it becomes—in a sense—our own offering to God on behalf of what is on our heart to put before him. The second thing we need to realize about lighting a candle is that it is yet another way to offer a prayer to the Lord. We take a candle, make an offering for it, present the Lord with our burdens. We place the candle before his icon, the icon of his Mother, or one of his saints—and we rest in the confidence that we release this care and concern to the Lord and his ready band of intercessors (the saints.) Finally, a more concrete word about candles and proper etiquette:

- We typically light candles when coming into the church—
and that is usually the best time to light them.
- There are times when candles should not be lit:
during the Epistle/Gospel readings, during the Little or Great Entrances, and the sermon.
- If you find yourself arriving to church after the Liturgy has begun, a good rule of thumb to light your candle in the narthex or perhaps at the central analogion (icon stand) in the middle of the church only.

As St. Paul says, "Let everything be done decently and in order."

Youth Group Attending Two MLK Events Next Sunday, January 14.

Various churches are hosting a 2-hour meet-and-greet with hundreds of youth from around the Bluegrass with food and a special program from 3-5pm at Transylvania University. After this event, at 6pm, there is an MLK Remembrance Service with Black Gospel Choir—featuring great songs from the civil rights era. Departure from church at 2:15pm sharp! (ETA back 8:30pm.) All food is free and Fr. Justin is covering dessert during debrief. But we need an RSVP!

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(Tim, Mary, Rick, Ellie, Patrick)	12/24 \$1,634.00 12/31 \$3,941.00	12/24 \$160.00 12/31 \$2,359.39	\$19,128.38 Thank You!	Monthly Need \$14,432	Memorial for Dr. Allen \$1,325.00 Telos Project \$1,000