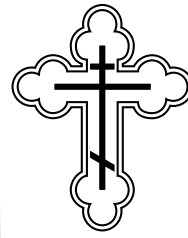


Parish Services & Activities January 2 - 10

- ◆ Saturday, January 2 *Forefeast Theophany / Seraphim of Sarov*
- 6:30pm **Cathedral Vigil** (also YouTube Live)
 - 7:40 Confessions
- ◆ Sunday, January 3 *Sunday Before Theophany*
- 10am **Divine Liturgy** (BROADCAST) TEAM MARTHA DOWNSTAIRS (K-O)
 - 12pm Outdoor Coffee Hour/Fellowship Team V (Kamau)
 - 12:30pm Bread Ministry
 - 6-8pm Girls Christmas Party
- ★ Monday, January 4 *Forefeast Theophany*
- ★ Tuesday, January 5 *Eve of Theophany / Strict Fasting Day*
- 9am Royal Hours w/Indoor Water Blessing
 - 6:30pm **Vigil for Theophany** (BROADCAST)
 - 8:15pm Confessions
- ★ Wednesday, January 6 *Theophany of Christ*
- 9am Festal Liturgy (BROADCAST)
 - 6:30pm Vespers for Synaxis of St. John the Baptist (BROADCAST)
 - No Class....But Plan for a Bonfire (weather permitting)
- ★ Thursday, January 7 *Synaxis of St. John the Baptist*
- 1-6pm House Blessings Begin in Lexington (see online signup)
- ◆ Friday, January 8
- 11am Akathist to St. John the Baptist
 - 11:45am Confessions
 - 2-5pm House Blessings
- ◆ Saturday, January 9
- 11am -2pm House Blessings
 - Time TBA Children's Super Saturday
 - 6:30pm **Great Vespers** (BROADCAST)
 - 7:20 Confessions
- ◆ Sunday, January 10
- 10am **Divine Liturgy** (BROADCAST) TEAM LAZARUS DOWNSTAIRS (P-Z)
 - 12pm **Outdoor Water Blessing** at Veterans Park w/coffee to go (Team I)
 - 12:30pm Bread Ministry
 - 2-7pm House Blessings in Wilmore



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Sunday, January 3, 2021

30th Sunday After Pentecost

Second Day of the Forefeast of Theophany

Blessed New Year 2021



*He is the Light which shines in the darkness (John 1:5),
and today He begins to overcome that darkness.*

His Beatitude Tikon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada
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Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church!

Upon entering church, please wash your hands, wear a mask, & keep some distance from other households. **Team Martha (last names beginning K-O) will be downstairs in the parish hall for the Sunday Liturgy...**90 people is our firm cap for the nave, narthex, and altar.

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

This weekend we observe the Forefeast of Theophany! Below are the services being offered in the coming week for the cycle of the **Feast of the Theophany of Christ.**

- ★**Royal Hours w/Indoor Water Blessing** at 9am on Tuesday. Confessions at 11am.
- ★**Vigil for Theophany** at 6:30pm on the Eve of Theophany. Confessions will follow.
- ★**Festal Liturgy** at 9am on January 6. Houseblessings begin on January 7.

Archbishop Alexander has blessed us to carefully conduct **Houseblessings in 2021.** Following his suggestions, we offer two broad options: **1)** home blessing during the traditional Theophany season (*most of the month of January up until Cheesefare Week*); **2)** home blessing after Pascha and/or in early summer when pandemic appears to be more completely "wound down."

If you wish to have a houseblessing during the traditional season in January 2021, we make the following requests:

- Set up a time via the online sign-up (or arrange an appointment directly with the priest if those times do not work)
- Verify the morning of the appointment (by text or email) that everyone in household is healthy (cough-free & fever-free.) The priest will also verify & will cancel if not feeling well.)
- The priest will wear a mask and--following the diocesan directive— and ask family members to wear one, too.
- While our priest loves hospitality, we ask that any hospitality shown to the priest this year be limited (not a full meal) and take place outdoors or in an otherwise large space where distancing can be observed. **THANK YOU!**

Later in the week into the weekend....

- Friday, January 8 Akathist to St. John the Baptist** at 11am w/ confessions following.
- Saturday, January 9** is our 1st Super Saturday in 2021! Time TBA. Reminder that Saturday's service will be **Great Vespers** at 6:30pm & Confessions at 7:20pm.
- Outdoor Water Blessing** next Sunday after **Divine Liturgy.** We will get coffee/water/juice to go and meet at Veteran's Park in South point in Lexington (turn right at stop light just before Brannon Crossing).

A BIG SHOUT OUT to our volunteer work crews who spent many hours in December doing various jobs around the the church including:

- ◆ stripping the parish hall floor (2/3 complete!)
- ◆ electrical/wiring adjustments to help with livestreaming (Josh Lourie)
- ◆ removal of long pew in hall and weather-proofing of it for use outside (making our picnic area much nicer)
- ◆ moving and upgrade of our firepit arrangement
- ◆ cleaning out downstairs closets & moving many items to new outdoor shed
- ◆ purging and discarding of unused or worn out items

WE ASK YOUR PATIENCE WITH THE DUST THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS CREATE :)

Notes: 1) Services that can be viewed on YouTube or Facebook are now tagged with **BROADCAST. ON THE CALENDAR: *DENOTES SERVICE BROADCAST**

2) There are still some 2021 Liturgical Calendars left in the back of the nave if you have not yet taken one.

3) Jan/Feb calendars and January Prayer Lists are available on the credenza.

We are printing limited copies, but if you want a a copy emailed to you as a pdf each month, please email Kathy at officeasst@athanasiusoca.org.

Covid-19 Update. The Lopes Family reached out to me last Wednesday and gave me permission to share that Carlos tested positive on Tuesday night for Covid. The Lopes Family was present for Liturgy last Sunday, but did not linger in the narthex or stay for coffee hour. Our parish council and I are committed to communicate all Covid-related info to you that we can so that you can make informed choices and manage risk as you see fit. We are grateful that the Siskars, Naughtons, and Kaylors are almost completely recovered (with most of them being cleared for return to normal life). We are also grateful that--so far--we have no evidence of Covid spread in the parish.

Date	Bread Ministry 12:30-1:30pm	Greeters	Prospora	Outdoor Coffee/ Fellowship Hour
1/3	Audrey Wagner Naomi DeHaan	Chris Reeves, Laura Walther, Rebecca Wilson	Mary Bradshaw	Team V - Kamau
1/10	Mat. Tamara, JP, Ian Rebecca Wilson	David Bradshaw, Josh Lourie, Paul/Linda Frangedakis	Mary Bradshaw	Team I - Naughton
1/17	Linda Frangedakis Hannah Kamau	Chris Reeves, Laura Walther, Rebecca Wilson	Alina Rizea	Team III- Bradshaw
1/24	David & Mary Bradshaw Steve & Sandy Skees	David Bradshaw, Josh Lourie, Paul/Linda Frangedakis	TBA	Team IV- Walther