

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

January 9th, 2022

5 2nd Street
Herminie, PA 15637
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Cantor
Joseph Luzanski

{sop} Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 

St. Polyeuct, Martyr, suffered death A.D. 255, during the reign of Decius or Valerianus. - Eustratius, Venerable, endured death in the reign of Leo Iconomachus, Emperor.

Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy
Sunday: 9 am
Holyday: 9 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Financial

As of January 6th the church has \$33,965.75 in its checking account.

Served By

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January

9 Sunday After Theophany

Looking Towards Easter

30 Sunday of Zacchaeus, Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

24 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

First Pre-Lenten Sunday

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February

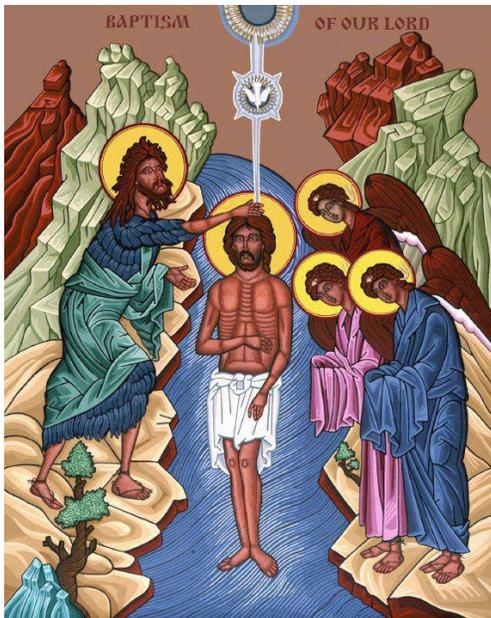
2 Encounter of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ with Simeon and Anna (Presentation of Our Lord Into the Temple)

Intention

If you have intentions for Divine Liturgies please tell Father Michael.

Teachings of Christ

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account." (Matthew 5:11 ESV)



As we enter into the year AD 2022, we reflect not only on the continued upheavals in our lives, but also on the blessings bestowed on us. Family and friends have continued to strain under separation, but endure with our continued love for one another. If we have the true spirit of the Nativity and God-with-us in our hearts, we still have the joy in the knowledge that God has come to earth in the flesh and dwells among us. Unfortunately, for most of the world and our society, Christmas has ended, and the world has moved on to other things. But not so the Church. We have a definite timeline that continues, for the most part, for 40 days after the Feast of the Nativity, and this month contains very important feasts.

January 1st is also the feast day of Saint Basil the Great (one of the Three Holy Hierarchs celebrated on January 30), Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (in present-day Turkey), and is traditionally the author of our Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, which we celebrate on this day as well as Sundays of the Great Fast and other major holy days.

No sooner do we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, while the rest of the world (those who follow the Gregorian Calendar) celebrates the coming of the new year, the Church celebrates the feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord, eight days after His birth.

In His love for the human race, the Savior condescended and willed to be wrapped in swaddling clothes. Eight days old according to His mother and eternal according to His Father, He did not look down upon the circumcision of the flesh.

We are mindful of the issues caused by the corona virus and we want to keep our congregation and our visitors safe. The church is wiped down after each service. There is also plenty of space for social distancing.

Therefore, O believers, let us cry out to Him: You are our God; have mercy on us! —Vespers for the Feast

The great feast, of course, is the Theophany of our Lord on January 6. The origin of the Feast goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century, we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast. The name itself refers to a manifestation of God. In the Western tradition, this day is devoted to the Visit of the Magi, and thus His manifestation to the Gentiles. In the East, it is devoted to Jesus' manifestation as the Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist and, further, the manifestation of the Holy Trinity (cf. Matthew 3: 13-17, Mark 1: 9-11, and Luke 3:21, 22). Thus, it is an important day for us both as an affirmation of the dogma of the Trinity and as the day when we traditionally celebrate the Great Sanctification of Water, in some parishes not only with the Blessing of Water in the parish on the eve of the Feast, but also with the blessing of a nearby body of water, usually a river, on the day of the Feast.

The True Light has appeared to bestow enlightenment upon all. The all-pure Christ is baptized with us; He sanctifies the water and it becomes a cleansing for our souls. All that which appears outward and visible is earthly, and that which is understood by the mind is greater than the heavens. Salvation is bestowed through washing, and the Spirit is received through water. By descending into the water, we ascend to God. How wonderful are Your works, O Lord; glory be to You! —Matins for the Feast

It always snows



for

Russian Christmas