

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

January 8, 2023

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Cantor
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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Sunday After The Theophany.

Tone 8

Menologion

Our Venerable Father George the Chozebite
(614).

Our Venerable Mother Dominica (474).

Our Holy Father and Confessor Emilian (767).

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NEXT WEEK WE WILL HAVE OUR
MONTHLY COFFEE SOCIAL AND GET TO
GETHER* I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU
CAN ATTEND AND ENJY THE GOODIES*

Fasts & Feasts

January

30 The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil The Great,
Gregory The Theologian And John Chrysostom.

February

02 The Meeting Of Our Lord, God And Savior Jesus
Christ With Simeon And Anna

January is the season for house blessings. Father is invited to come to the family home in order to celebrate this annual rite.

It is not a time to worry about the house being spotless: more important is that the family's interior life is spotless!

Anything else which needs blessings should be placed on a white cloth on the table.

If you are interested in having your home blessed talk to Father Vasyl.

I many places, it is traditional to bless water in lakes or rivers, frozen or flowing. The priests often go to such a place, and bless the water (if frozen, after a hole has been cut in the ice). Many people will take a dip in the water after it is blessed.

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

For those of you who have requested it Father will be blessing homes in the New Year.

Save this page for the service in the home.

TROPAR Tone 4

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was revealed, for the Father's voice to You by calling You His "beloved Son," and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed these words, O Christ God, Who appeared and enlightened the world, glory be to You!

BLESSING OF HOMES ON THE FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, have mercy.

O God our Savior, the true Light, Who was baptized in the river Jordan by John to renew all men by the waters of regeneration, and Who condescended to enter under the roof of Zacchaeus to bring salvation to him and to all his house, keep safe also from all harm those who dwell here; grant them your blessing, purification and bodily health, and all their petitions for their salvation and life everlasting: For blessed are You, together with your eternal Father, and your all-holy, gracious, and life, giving Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

R: Amen.

This Home is blessed by the sprinkling of this holy water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen.

The kondak is sung while the priest blesses the house.

KONDAK Tone 4

Today You have revealed yourself to the world and your light, O Lord, has shone upon us, who with knowledge praise You: You have come and have manifested yourself, O Light inaccessible.

**Theophany house blessings :
6 Things to Know**

1. Houses are traditionally blessed with "Theophany water" each year. A house can be blessed at any time, but the usual season for yearly blessings is from Theophany until the beginning of the Great Fast.

2. "Theophany water" is just water that has been blessed with the Great Blessing of the Waters service on Theophany. Another name for this water is simply "Holy Water".

3. Water is blessed using the "Great Blessing of the Waters" service two distinct times during Theophany: after Vespers on the Eve of Theophany and after the Divine Liturgy on Theophany.

4. When a home is blessed, the priest brings everything needed for the blessing: a blessing cross, holy water and sprinkler.

Some families supply a bowl, candles and the family Theophany icon.

The bowl and icon should be placed on a clean table with a cloth on it, preferably near the family icon corner and the candles lit.

The priest will bless all rooms of the house. In homes with children, it is always good for the little ones to carry a candle or the blessing cross and "lead" the priest throughout the house. An elder member of the house may also do this.

5. The basic order for a simple home blessing is as follows.

a. The bowl of water, icon and lit candles are placed on a clean table. If there is a censer, it may be lit.

c. After this the entire home is blessed, with the family walking with the priest holding candles and the Theophany icon while the Theophany Troparion is repeated.

d. Upon finishing blessing the house, the family gathers again at the table, and a short litany is said for the welfare of the family. The priest should have been provided a list of all family members, including those who are ill.

e. After this a short prayer, and the service is ended.