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“Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!”

Schedule

Sunday, January 3
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 5
6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Eve Of Theophany
Great Blessing of Waters

Wednesday, January 6
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Circumcision of Christ
(observed)

Thursday, January 7
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Julian Nativity, St John the Baptist)
Mostly in Ukrainian and Slavonic

Sunday, January 10
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
After feast Theophany

Sunday, January 17
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 24
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 31
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Counters:

January 3 – Jacob, Ellen
January 10 – Cecily, Ellen
January 17 – Cynthia, Ellen

January 24 - Tracy, Ellen

Prayer Corner:

Contact Cynthia Brown to add or delete names from the Prayer Corner lists. Cynthiaann36@live.com or (863) 223-6775.

Living: Please pray for the ailing: Pearl, (grandmother) Mike, Stella, Egerton, Amanda, Mike, Michael, Samuel, Vilma, Stacy, Arlene, Bruce, Laura, Christopher, Dan, Gary, Amber

Reposed : Please pray for the departed: Virginia, Harry, Millie, Harry, Richard, Albert, Mary, John, Doris, Mary, Subdeacon John, Vera Beverly James Dessie, Ernest, Elbert, Bill, Viva, Ina, Cynthia, Bernard, Finn, Marie, Kathy, Cassia, Ashton, Camillo, Lexi, Francesca, Tina, Joan, Lennie, Walter, Wally, Bertha, Jon

Church Council:

President: Brian Delp, (813) 763-5226
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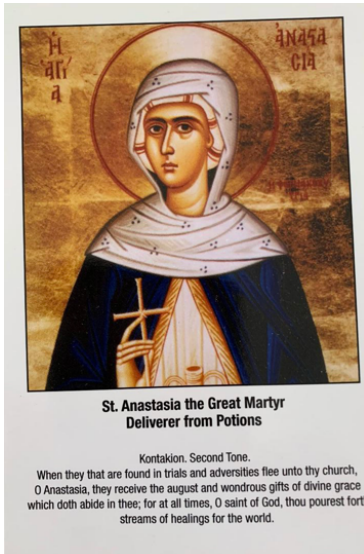
Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to read the epistle and/or to be chanters. Contact Pani Carrie

Church School

Every month we will be highlighting a different Saint. Father Harry bulletin. One prayer I say everyday and all day is the Jesus prayer," O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me a sinner"! We need to let God know that we are thankful for everything, good and bad. Once you start a habit of praying, it will be part of your everyday life and become very easy to do and you will feel closer to God.

If you don't already have a special place to say your morning or evening prayers, here is a suggestion to get that special place started! Prepare an icon corner in your room using 4 simple items, table, battery operated candle, icon and cross. Every morning and evening, head to your icon corner to communicate with God. As you pray on a regular basis, you will be building a stronger bond with God. As you become more comfortable with praying, you will see how powerful prayer really is. Remember God is always listening, he might not answer you right away, He is always there. Let Him know how much you love Him by talking to Him! He always has time for you, let's make time for Him by praying without ceasing!!



St. Anastasia Deliverer from Potions and Bonds January 4

This saint was from Rome. She was instructed in the Faith by her mother, Fausta. She was forced to be married and was abused and tortured by her husband. After he was killed, she spent her live ministering to the poor and Christian prisoners and martyrs. She fed them, loosed their fetters, washed their wounds and consoled them. Because of her intercession many were healed of their ill effects of spells, potions and poisons, and because of this she was given the name "Deliverer of Potions". One Chrysogonus was her guide and teacher in the Christian way of life. He was ordered by the Emperor Diocletian to sacrifice to the gods. When he refused he was ordered to be beheaded. Anastasia accompanied him to his execution. She later went to Macedonia where she continued to help the Christians. For this she was arrested and was condemned to death by starvation, but she survived by her own tears and prayer. She also survived drowning and was finally burned to death in the year 304.

Contact Tracy Galla for church school information:
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Prayer:

Prayer is communication with God and the language of our faith. Praying is not an easy task, but the more you pray the closer you become with God. If we pray on a regular basis, it will become a habit and will connect you more and more with God. Prayer does not have to be complicated and can be as simple as saying "Lord have mercy". In order to be better at praying, we need to read and listen to what we are reading. Prayer needs to come naturally and this will take time.

There are prayers for all occasions and tasks in our lives. Start by saying, "Lord's prayer" every morning and night and then add a new prayer each month.

What to do during the Pandemic...

If you wonder how to survive the pandemic and not be bored staying home, visit Father Harry's Facebook video. He gives us some great ideas through the example that he and Pani exhibit. First, go to church and be inspired to live a better life. Next, visit nature, it is refreshing. Florida has many remote beaches and parks to visit. Spend time with family doing something fun, and build a better relationship with each other. Spend time with youth, they make us feel young again. Take a child to visit and elderly person who may be lonely for company, they will feel younger for the visit. And don't forget to "Thank God for All Things!"

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness,” and “in the region of the shadow of death” (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany 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.

There is a third century dialogue about the services for Theophany between the holy martyr Hippolytus and Saint Gregory the Wonderworker. In the following centuries, from the fourth to ninth century, all the great Fathers of the Church: Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, John of Damascus, commented on the Feast of Theophany.

The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this Feast, which is sung at Orthodox services even today. Saint John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but “to bury human sin by water,” to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify “the nature of water” and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Undivided. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).

On the day of Theophany, all foods are permitted, even if the Feast falls on a Wednesday or Friday.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/01/06/100106-feast-of-the-theophany-of-our-lord-and-savior-jesus-christ>