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29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

January 1, 2023

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2 Timothy 4:5-8 (Epistle)

Mark 1:1-8 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY Sunday before Theophany; The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (†379); Martyr Basil of Ancyra (ca. †362).

READERS: Hours: Marlo PERRY

Epistle: George KLEINERT

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Memorial for Fr. John KUCHTA (†2019) - LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE

11:40 am Fellowship

Thursday, January 5 Eve of Theophany Strict Fast

6:30 pm Vigil, Great Blessing of Water

Friday, January 6 The Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 7 Julian (Old) Calendar Christmas

10:00 am Christmas Divine Liturgy (in Ukrainian/Church-Slavonic languages)

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, January 8 30TH Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday after Theophany; Ven. George the Chozebite,

Abbot (†6TH c.); Ven. Domnica of Constantinople (†474); St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (†9TH c.); Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kyiv (Near Caves †1093); Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kyiv (Far Caves †13TH-14TH c.); Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev (Estonia †1472); St. Paisius of Uglich (†1504); Hieromartyr Carterius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (†304); Martyrs Theophilus the Deacon, and Helladius, in Libya (†4TH c.); Martyrs Julian & Basilissa, & Marcionilla, Celsus, Anthony, Anastasius, 7 children & 20 soldiers (†313); Ven. Elias the Hermit, of Egypt (†4TH c.); Martyr Abo the Perfumer, of Tiflis (Georgia †790).

READERS: Hours: Anna VILCHIS

Epistle: Maria LLAMAS

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy - LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE

11:40 am Fellowship

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Saturday, December 24TH, 2022 - Christmas Eve - Collection \$1,168.00

Sunday, December 25TH, 2022 - Christmas - Collection \$1,726.50

NATIVITY GREETINGS We should greet everyone by proclaiming "Christ is born!" The response is "Glorify Him!" Continue using this greeting the entire 12 days of Christmas (until eve of Theophany, January 5). This phrase comes from St. Gregory the Theologian's (†390) oration given on the Feast of the Nativity where he says: "Christ is born, glorify Him. Christ from heaven, go out to meet Him. Christ on earth; be ye exalted..." (Oration 38) In Ukrainian tradition there is a special greeting for the feast of Theophany: "Christ is Baptized!" the response is "In the River Jordan!"

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING All members are encouraged to participate in the Annual Meeting as decisions will be made for the betterment of our church! St. Nicholas' Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 29TH, 2023** after Divine Liturgy. We will begin promptly at noon in our parish hall. In order to be a member in good standing and vote on any issue you must:

- go to Holy Confession and Communion at least once a year
- have Financial Obligations to our parish up to date.

BLESSING OF HOMES Blessing of ones dwelling (apartment, dorm, home, etc) with the newly blessed Theophany waters is an ancient custom. When we bless our homes we pray for the forgiveness of sins that have been committed in this house the year prior. We also ask that the Heavenly Gifts be present in this house in the New Year. Additionally, we pray for good health and ask for the Heavenly Blessing of all those dwelling in the home and we pray for those that have passed on. If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr. Mykola (630) 559-5785 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR If wondering when to sign up, there is no wrong time. Great reasons to host include birthdays, wedding anniversaries or memorial anniversaries. Hosting fellowship hour can be a great way to multiply your happiness or divide your sorrow. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/StNicksFellowshipHour>

FATHER MYKOLA'S GREATING Wishing you newfound hope on this first day of the year. Praying that this year brings you happiness, joy, blessings and fulfillment in ways your heart could never have imagined! Let's make 2023 a Christ centered year full of prayer, kindness, giving and love.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Alice PISTILLI on January 3RD, and to Olesya TRUFYN on January 5TH.

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Dn. David HANNEMAN	Tom KOMPARE	Joseph ORLOVICH	Elena PAVLOV	warrior Sergij MARTYNUK
Kathy HANNEMAN	Susan NICKLAS	Josephine ORLOVICH	Tetiana MAZUR	Stefan KARADJOV
Sevasti BERGSTROM	Sue UNDERWOOD	Gary GALLICK	Jose FELIX	Toma ANDREEV
Fr. Bohdan BODNARCHUK	Stevan LUNICH	Emily ROUSONELOS	Alice PISTILLI	Duane BRADLEY

BULLETIN SPONSORS If you wish to sponsor a bulletin in Honor of (nameday, birthday, anniversary, etc.) or in Memory of someone. An additional stewardship offering of \$25 to the Church is requested.

Today Epistle (2 Timothy 4:5-8)

Brethren... But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Апостол Дня (2 Тимофея 4:5-8)

Братия... Но ты будь бдителен во всем, переноси скорби, совершай дело благовестника, исполняй служение твое. Ибо я уже становлюсь жертвою, и время моего отшествия настало. Подвигом добрым я подвизался, течение совершил, веру сохранил; а теперь готовится мне венец правды, который даст мне Господь, праведный Судия, в день оный; и не только мне, но и всем, возлюбившим явление Его.

Today Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Евангелие Дня (Марк 1:1-8)

Начало Евангелия Иисуса Христа, Сына Божия, как написано у пророков: "вот, Я посылаю Ангела Моего пред лицом Твоим, который приготовит путь Твой пред Тобою. Глас вопиющего в пустыне: 'приготовьте путь Господу, прямыми сделайте стези Ему.'" Явился Иоанн, крестя в пустыне и проповедуя крещение покаяния для прощения грехов. И выходили к нему вся страна Иудейская и Иерусалимляне, и крестились от него все в реке Иордане, исповедуя грехи свои. Иоанн же носил одежду из верблюжьего волоса и пояс кожаный на чреслах своих, и ел акриды и дикий мед. И проповедывал, говоря: "идет за мною Сильнейший меня, у Которого я недостоин, наклонившись, развязать ремень обуви Его; я крестил вас водою, а Он будет крестить вас Духом Святым."