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## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

January 8, 2023

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle)

Tone 5

116 Year, Issue 2

Matthew 4:12-17 (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 after Theophany;** Ven. George the Chozebite, Abbot (†6<sup>TH</sup> c.); Ven. Domnica of Constantinople (†474); St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (†9<sup>TH</sup> c.); Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kyiv (Near Caves †1093); Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kyiv (Far Caves †13<sup>TH</sup>-14<sup>TH</sup> c.); Hieromartyr Isidore & 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 (†4<sup>TH</sup> c.); Martyrs Julian & Basilissa, & Marcionilla, Celsus, Anthony, Anastasius, 7 children & 20 soldiers (†313); Ven. Elias the Hermit, of Egypt (†4<sup>TH</sup> c.).

**READERS:** Hours: Anna VILCHIS

Epistle: Antonina LLAMAS

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

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

11:20 am **Sunday School**

11:40 am **Fellowship**

12:15 pm **First Confession Lesson**

### **Saturday, January 14**

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

**Sunday, January 15 31<sup>ST</sup> Sunday after Pentecost;** Ven. Paul of Thebes (†341) and John Calabytes ("the Hut-dweller"—†5<sup>TH</sup> c.); Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. †249-251); Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (†10<sup>TH</sup> c.); Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (†11<sup>TH</sup> c.).

**READERS:** Hours: Sevasti BERGSTROM

Epistle: George KLEINERT

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**

End of the Year 2022 — Collection

\$1,422.35

**Sunday, January 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2023** — Collection

\$848.50

**Total**

**\$2,270.85**

**THEOPHANY / EPIPHANY** The Feast of the Holy Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on January 6<sup>TH</sup>. Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord. 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, so all three Persons of the Holy Trinity were made manifest. The name of the Feast is Epiphany, meaning manifestation, or Theophany, meaning manifestation of God. The theme of "manifestation" or "revelation" is also expressed in Scripture with the symbolism of light. Thus, January 6 is also known as the Feast of Lights. The Church celebrates on this day the illumination of the world by the light of Christ.

**MANY THANKS** ♦ to Maria LLAMAS for hosting January 1<sup>ST</sup> fellowship hour.  
♦ to BODNARCHUK family for hosting this mornings fellowship hour.

**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 29<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

**BULLETIN SPONSORS** If you wish to sponsor a bulletin In Honor of (nameday, birthday, anniversary, etc.) or in Memory of someone, please contacting Fr. Mykola (email, text, or call). An additional stewardship offering of \$25 to the Church is requested. Names of the bulletin benefactors will be listed on the appropriately sponsored months bulletin.

**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>

**MANY YEARS...** **Happy Birthday** to Elena BODNAR on January 9<sup>TH</sup>.

**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
Zachary MISSEN	Stevan LUNICH	Emily ROUSONELOS	Alice PISTILLI	Duane BRADLEY

**Today Epistle** (Ephesians 4:7-13)

Brethren... But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**Today Gospel** (Matthew 4:12-17)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Апостол Дня** (Ефесянам 4:7-13)

Братия... Каждому же из нас дана благодать по мере дара Христова. Посему и сказано: "восшед на высоту, пленил плен и дал дары человекам." А "восшел" что означает, как не то, что Он и нисходил прежде в преисподние места земли? Нисшедший, Он же есть и восшедший превыше всех небес, дабы наполнить все. И Он поставил одних Апостолами, других пророками, иных Евангелистами, иных пастырями и учителями, к совершению святых, на дело служения, для созидания Тела Христова, доколе все придем в единство веры и познания Сына Божия, в мужа совершенного, в меру полного возраста Христова.

**Евангелие Дня** (Матфея 4:12-17)

Услышав же Иисус, что Иоанн отдан под стражу, удалился в Галилею и, оставив Назарет, пришел и поселился в Капернауме приморском, в пределах Завулоновых и Неффалимовых, да сбудется реченное через пророка Исаию, который говорит: "земля Завулонова и земля Неффалимова, на пути приморском, за Иорданом, Галилея языческая, народ, сидящий во тьме, увидел свет великий, и сидящим в стране и тени смертной воссиял свет." С того времени Иисус начал проповедывать и говорить: "покайтесь, ибо приблизилось Царство Небесное."