Sunday, January 17th  12th Sunday of Luke  
St. Anthony the Great

8:15 AM Orhros  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, January 18th  St. Athanasios the Great

8:30 AM Orhros  
9:30 AM Liturgy  
6:30 PM GOYA Officers Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, January 19th

7:00 PM OCF & YoPro Meeting  
*7:00 PM DOP Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, January 20th

6:00 PM Evening Bible Study with Fr. Hector  
7:00 PM Paraklesis to St. Xenia of St. Petersburg

Thursday, January 21st

9:30-11:00 AM Food Box Distribution & Delivery

Friday, January 22nd

9:00 AM Paraklesis to The Theokotos  
6:30 PM Youth Snow Tubing at Avalanche Xpress in York  
Contact Fr Theodosios for more information

Saturday, January 23rd

9:00 AM Off the Streets  
7:00 PM Vespers

A reminder that masks must be worn in the church before, during, and after the services; and please don’t congregate in the Narthex.

Upcoming Liturgies/Services
† St. Athanasios the Great—Jan. 18  
† St. Gregory the Theologian—Jan. 25  
† The Three Hierarchs—Jan. 30

Theophany House Blessings on Hold
Due to the coronavirus pandemic and increasing number of cases during the holiday season, the clergy will not be making the customary house blessing rounds this January. It is our prayer and hope that we will be able to offer house blessings later in the year when conditions improve.

If you still wish to have your home blessed during the January Theophany season, you may email one of the clergy to schedule a socially distanced visit with safety protocols in place.

2020 & 2021 Stewardship
If you have not fulfilled your 2020 Stewardship commitment, please remember to make it at your earliest convenience.

If you have not made your 2021 Church Stewardship Commitment, please make it today by completing a form in the Narthex and placing it in the Stewardship Commitment, please make it at your earliest convenience.

Service & Outreach
The coat drive continues through January, any new/ slightly used coats & blankets for the families in need. Please drop off your donation in the blue bin located in the breezeway, under the coal rack.

* Daughters of Penelope
Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19 at 7 pm by Zoom and will feature a speaker from Mental Health America of Lancaster. “Sisters are encouraged to attend” Any questions, please call Kathy Granbois at 717-471-1097.

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**The Epistle Heb. 13:17-21**

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have given account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to do honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be re-

**The Gospel Lk. 17:12-19**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’s feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."