Upcoming Liturgies/Services

† Theophany Royal Hours—Jan. 5 (9:00AM)
† Eve of Theophany—Jan. 5
† Feast of Holy Theophany—Jan. 6
† St. John the Baptist—Jan. 7
† St. Theodosios the Cenobiarch—Jan. 11
† St. Anthony the Great—Jan. 17
† 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.

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.

2021 Stewardship Pledges

Please remember to turn in your stewardship pledges for 2021!

Pledges received: 177
Total dollars pledged: $360,186
Our Pledge Goal is: $600,000

Donors needed for:

Altar Flowers, Altar Candles, & Candelabra Candles
January 31, Feb. 28, March 15, 21 & 28
Please call the Church Office 717-394-1735 to make your donation.

Memorials

Michael Valudes (40 days), Athena & Simos Mandros, Vasa Simpson, James Moshos, George Copetas, Angelo Manolas (25 yrs), Kenneth Myers, Nicholas & Anthi Hondras, Angelo & Catherine Ponerous, Mark & Helen Mamalakis, Fr. John & Stavroula Hondras, John Tsaflias, Barbara K. Valavanes (5 yrs), Emmanuel Papadakis, Philippos E. Papadakis, George & Helen Christopher, Apostoli & Zaharula, Evanthi & Dimitrios, Spiroula & Photos, Dionysia & Emilia, Sophia & Periklis, Dimaristis & Andreas, Visarion, Marista & Thomas Valudes.

Sunday, January 3rd  Sunday before Theophany
8:15 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Divine Liturgy
Blessing Vasilopita and singing Kalanda!

Tuesday, January 5th  Eve of Theophany
9:00 AM  Theophany Royal Hours
6:00 PM  Theophany Vesperal Liturgy
7:30 PM  Great Water Blessing

Wednesday, January 6th  Holy Theophany
8:15 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Liturgy
11:00 AM  Great Water Blessing
7:00 PM  Vespers for St. John the Baptist

Thursday, January 7th  St. John the Baptist
8:30 AM  Orthros
9:30 AM  Liturgy
9:30-11:00 AM Food Box Distribution & Delivery
In honor of Fr. Alexander and Presv. Pearl Veronis for their 60 years of ministry, as we celebrate our parish’s centennial and continue their legacy of service and outreach in faithfulness to the Gospel of Christ — Donated with love by Pat and Helen.

Friday, January 8th
9:00 AM  Paraklesis to Theotokos

Saturday, January 9th
7:00 PM  Vespers

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA

SUNDAY, January 3rd, 2021 — Sunday before Theophany

Prophet Malachi:
Martyr Gordios of Casarea

Orthros Mode: Plagal 1st  Orthros Gospel: John 20 : 11-18
Liturgy Epistle: II Timothy 4:5-8  Liturgy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

THE THEOPHANY [EPHIPANY] OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

When our Lord reached thirty years from His physical birth, He began His teaching and salvific work. He Himself signified this "beginning of the beginning" by His baptism in the Jordan River. St. Cyril of Jerusalem says: "The beginning of the world is water; the beginning of the Gospel is the Jordan." At the time of the Baptism of the Lord in water, the mystery was declared to the world—the mystery of holy baptism was prophesied in the Old Testament; the mystery of Christ's entry into the world. The Father revealed His Son to the world in the Jordan River. The Theophany of Jesus Christ is celebrated by the Christian Church as a commemoration of the baptism of Christ in the Jordan River. At the time of the baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Lord Jesus Christ in the form of a dove, and a voice from heaven declared: "This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased." During the baptism of Christ, the Trinity was revealed to the world, and the Incarnation of the Word of God into the human nature was fulfilled. The Theophany of Jesus Christ is celebrated as a day of joy and blessing, a day of the manifestation of the Triune God to the world. The Theophany is also called the Feast of Illumination. The Feast of the Theophany is a day of great joy and celebration, a day when the Church commemorates the manifestation of the Triune God to the world. The Theophany is a day when the Church remembers the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River, and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Him. The Theophany is a day of great joy and celebration, a day when the Church commemorates the manifestation of the Triune God to the world. The Theophany is also called the Feast of Illumination. The Feast of the Theophany is a day of great joy and celebration, a day when the Church commemorates the manifestation of the Triune God to the world. 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