



## MASSSES

Saturday [anticipated] 4:30 pm

Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am

*Mass Tuesday-Friday in the chapel at 9 am*

## CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 7-7:30 pm

Saturday 3-4 pm

*in the chapel*

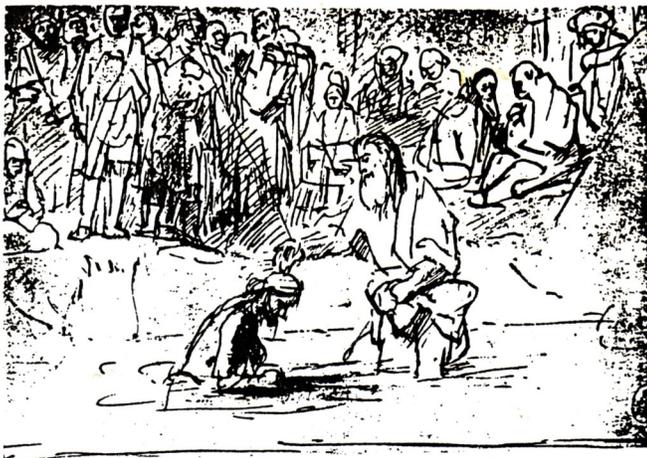
# ST IGNATIUS & ST LUKE'S

10 January 2021

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Baptism of the Lord is observed as a distinct feast in the Roman rite, although it was originally one of three Gospel events marked by the feast of the Epiphany. Long after the visit of the Magi had in the West overshadowed the other elements commemorated in the Epiphany, Pope Pius XII instituted in 1955 a separate liturgical commemoration of the Baptism. Fourteen years later, Pope Paul VI set its date as the first Sunday after January 6.

The word *Epiphany* is from Koine Greek ἐπιφάνεια, *epipháneia*, meaning manifestation or appearance. It is derived from the verb φαίνειν, *phainein*, meaning "to appear." In classical Greek it was used for the appearance of dawn, of an enemy in war, but especially of a manifestation of a deity to a worshiper (a theophany).



*In the Orthodox tradition, January 6th still commemorates the Baptism of the Lord, and is called the Feast of the Theophany, a Greek term meaning "appearance of a god", that is the manifestation of a deity in an observable way. From that rich tradition, we can find fruitful meditation on this significant moment of salvation history:*

"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....

"...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)."

*From the website of the Orthodox Church in America*

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick: Anne Marie Whittaker, Greg and Felicia Yohe, Joe Coleman, John Hogan, Deirdre McQuade, Danny Hart, Amy Howard, Mary Morehead and family, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Sister Constance Ward, George Cochran, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, Kerianna Prather, Victoria P.; D.K.C., M.M., R.M., K.M., C.M., C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., J.M., H.G., and J.G.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list.*

***Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person [or a member of his family] about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.***

Names of those who are sick or suffering will be kept on the list for one month; to keep a name on the list for longer, you must email the parish office.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are looking for men 18 years old and older that are in good standing with the Catholic Church to join the parish's own St John Fisher Council 16499. If you are interested, please contact brother Knight Joe Chancio at 301-751-2368 or email [jchan319@comcast.net](mailto:jchan319@comcast.net). Wives, mothers, sisters, fiancées, and girlfriends: please encourage the men you know to consider joining.

## **HELP BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH**

Join us in praying that the work on repairing and beautifying the church will go quickly and smoothly, with no Covid or other delays in permitting or contracts.

*O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with loveliness; Grant, we beseech Thee, a swift consent to our bid to beautify thine house, giving the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in authority in this matter. Vouchsafe to hear our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, 9 January**

*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

4:30 pm James Fox +

### **Sunday, 10 January**

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 am Pro populo

9:30 am Lorraine LaValley + [Don and Diana Gritz]

11 am Thomas and Lenore Wolford

### **Monday, 11 January**

*Feria*

9 am *no public mass*

### **Tuesday, 12 January**

*Benedict Biscop, Abbot*

9 am Bernice Newman +

### **Wednesday, 13 January**

*Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

9 am special intention

### **Thursday, 14 January**

*Feria*

9 am Henry Manning +

### **Friday, 15 January**

*Feria*

9 am Roland and Virginia Starke +

### **Saturday, 16 January**

*Anticipated Mass for Sunday*

4:30 pm Christopher Tolkein +

### **Sunday, 17 January**

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

8 am Mary Anne Smith [Edwin Smith]

9:30 am Pro populo

11 am Robert Depew + [Mr. and Mrs. Luke Maschue]

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