

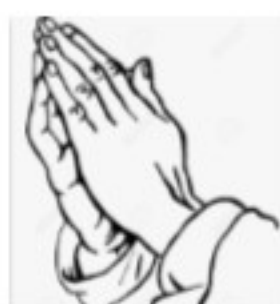


January 13, 2019
Sunday After Theophany

Liturgical Schedule

- Jan. 12 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Theodore Druga req by Ray and Linda Kubacki
- Jan. 13 (Sun) Sunday After Theophany**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+George Lucas req by the Pasternak Family
- Jan. 19 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
For the Parishioners
- Jan. 20 (Sun) 35th Sunday After Pentecost**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Carl Magdic req of the Parish Family

Our Tithe to our parish
 January 6, 2019: \$2,283.00



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Marion Campbell,
 Steven Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Fr. John Petro, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
 Joseph Rusinko Sr., Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis,
 Margaret Weber, Debbie Vasko, John Voron Sr



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of January 13 thru January 19 for + Carl Magdic. *"Eternal Memory"*

SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY THEOPHANY

This Sunday after the feast of the Holy Theophany brings our festive cycle to a close.

Our journey to the cave in Bethlehem and our entrance into this cave to dwell on the mystery of Christ's birth - God taking on a human face - has been completed.



Then we continued our journey to the banks of the Jordan with John the Baptizer as a guide ... and we came to see the Holy Trinity revealed in the voice of the Father ... the Spirit in the form of a dove ... descending upon the Lord Jesus ... and we saw that the nature of water has been transformed.

We have shared in the blessing of this water. We have been sprinkled with it ... we have tasted it ... we have sprinkled our homes with it ... it has touched all the corners of our lives with God's blessing.

Today's Gospel gives us an echo of all that has taken place.

*A people living in darkness
 has seen a great light.
 On those who inhabit a land overshadowed by death,
 light has risen.*

Yes, indeed, this has ben a "Festival of Lights" for us.

May we continue to be filled with light ... and recognize all the ways in which God is indeed present in our lives. In this way we will continue to grow into the full measure of Christ ... so that He may dwell completely in us.

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Program Schedule

724-438-7149

Bread Baking Retreat

Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 or

Saturday, March 16, 2019

10:00am - 1:30pm Lunch included

Offering: \$20

Registration Due: Feb. 14

It's back, Sr. Carol's much requested

Bread Baking Retreat!

*Enjoy making a loaf of Lenten bread in a
Creative, relaxing and prayerful atmosphere.*

Limited to 8 participants.

"WINTER RESPITE"

Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019

10:00am - 1:00pm Includes Lunch

Offering: \$35 Registration Due: Jan. 30

*The stillness and unhurried days of Winter are
an ideal time to experience*

"Rest in the Lord."

HOLY WATER



In the Byzantine Church, Holy Water is used very often throughout the year. Every family should take some of this Holy Water from the Church and have it at home, and make use of it at every time of need: in times of spiritual need, in cases of illness, leaving on a journey, etc. The Holy Water strengthens the powers of our soul - if it is done with prayer and reverence, and one does not merely expect a mechanical result from it. As we read in the prayers for the Great Blessing of Water, the true nature of water has its destiny in the salvation of humanity and the world. The blessing of waters doesn't "make bad water good". It restores the water to its original state. The prayer at the blessing of water causes the revelation of the true 'nature' and 'destiny' of water, and thus of the world. By being restored through the blessing to its proper function water becomes again a means of communion with God. Christ in his baptism purified the nature of the waters. He came to redeem not only human beings, but through them, the entire material created world.

Redstone Highlands Secret Santa

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Lisa Smith and my daughter Katelynn and I are from the activities department at Redstone Highlands, North Huntingdon campus. We cannot express enough gratitude for the generosity from the members of your parish for assistance with our secret santa this year. Forty families donated beautiful gifts for our dementia residents to have an extra joyful holiday season. Your efforts are truly appreciated and do not go unrecognized making this event at Redstone the most successful thus far. It is a great feeling to know that there is such support present in the community and within the parish. I'd like to specially thank Kristen Keleschenyi for her executive role in allowing this event to go above and beyond. Thank you for dedicating your time to ensure that someone else had a very Merry Christmas.

All the best,

Lisa and Katelynn Smith