



**December 31, 2023**  
**SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**MEMORY OF DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES**

**Dec. 30 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**  
*+Francis Barry req by Marian*

**Dec. 31 (Sun) SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**MEMORY OF DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES**  
**Divine Liturgy** **10:30am**  
*+ Nicholas Pasternak req by family*

**Jan. 1 (Mon) CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**  
**BASIL THE GREAT ARCHBISHOP**  
**Divine Liturgy** **6:30pm**  
*+Mary Ann Burgman req by Eileen & Norman*

**Jan. 5 (Fri) VIGIL OF THEOPHANY**  
**Divine Liturgy** **6:30pm**  
**Blessing of Water**  
*+Kevin Ianni req by Monica Mellon*

**Jan. 6 (Sat) THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**  
*+ Alfred & Mary Crocker req by Steve & Judi Muchoney*

**Jan. 7 (Sun) SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**  
**Divine Liturgy** **10:30am**  
*+Kevin Ianni req by Julee Lindberg*

**Our tithe to our Parish - Dec. 24, 2023 - \$2,561.00**

### Blessing of Homes

For those who wish, the blessing of homes will begin this week, right after the feast-day and the solemn blessing of water. A schedule will be made for all those who request Father Vasyl to visit them for this blessing, and you will be notified as to the day and time of Father Vasyl's visit.

As is customary for this blessing, a table should be prepared with a candle, and icon or cross, and some of the blessed water. There will be a short service in which all participate, and this is followed by the sprinkling of the home with the Jordan water. In this way, the blessing of the Jordan is carried to all the corners of our parish.

**Please provide your name and telephone number on the sheet in the entrance.**

*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.*



George Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Barbara Gulich, John Hresko, Jeff Kaloski, Helen Magdic, Bill Pritz, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Sr, Mark Sethman

### THEOPHANY CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN THE JORDAN !



This holy day is one of the earliest Great Feasts of the Church, dating back to the 2nd century, with a significance attributed to it greater than Christmas. In Eastern churches, the feast commemorates Christ's baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. The literal translation of the word *Theophany* is manifestation of God from the Greek form "Theos". It is the manifestation of Christ's Divinity in the revelation of the Holy Trinity. This is profoundly held as the doctrine of the Trinity and is what identifies all Christians as "Christian". To be known as Christian is to affirm the Triune nature of God.

### Blessing of Water on January 5

On the basis of age-old custom, water is one of the signs that the Church often uses in blessing the faithful. Holy water reminds the faithful of Christ, who is given to us as the supreme divine blessing, who called himself the living water, and who, with water, established Baptism for our sake as the sacramental sign of the blessing that brings salvation.