



**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

January 4, 2026

**Jan. 3 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*For our Parish Family*

**Jan. 4 (Sun) SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY  
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+Karen Hodell reqd by Norman & Eileen*

**Jan. 6 (Tue) THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD  
Divine Liturgy 6:30pm**  
**Blessing of Holy Water**  
*+Catherine Wesdock reqd by Julee Lindberg & Family*

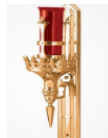
**Jan. 10 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+David Yarosik reqd by Janet Belliveau Yarosik*

**Jan. 11 (Sun) SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY  
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**  
*+John & Gabriella Koscho reqd by Paul Ferencz*

**St. Mary , Herminie - Sunday Liturgy 8:30am**

**Our tithe to our Parish Christmas, 2025 - \$7,829.00**  
**Dec. 28, 2025 - \$2,410.00**

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 Jan. 4 thru Jan. 10 for +David Yarosik in memory of first anniversary of his passing. Reqd by Janet Belliveau Yarosik



*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*

Marian Barry, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Barbara Gulich, John Hresko, Michael Janov, Helen Magdic, Steve Muchoney, Pat Pierro, Pat.Race, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Rose Marie Rupnik, Ray Seech, Mark Sethman, JerryLee Simpson, Charles Stein, Eleanor Timko, Sally Zeleznik

Please join fellow parishioners in praying the rosary every week prior to the Sunday 10:30am Liturgy and on Holy Days.

We had a lot of activity this past year. Like the news channels say, "for a year in review" check out our website photos: [ststephenbcc.org](http://ststephenbcc.org)

A very, very special Thank You to all for the beautiful cards, good wishes, and gifts. May God Bless you with a healthy and happy New Year.

*Fr. Vasyl*

**BLESSING OF HOMES**

Father Vasyl will be available for those who wish to have their homes blessed.

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 corners of our parish.

Please call Father to arrange a time for his visit. 412-627-1678

Dear Parish Family

Christmas is always a joyous season filled with family, friends, and faith. This year, it was made even more special by our St. Stephen Feast Day banquet this past weekend.

The food was delicious, and the relaxed atmosphere gave us the precious opportunity to truly visit with one another. While we greet each other warmly at Divine Liturgy each week, we rarely have the time to sit down and converse. This banquet allowed us to connect more deeply, share stories, and strengthen the bonds of our parish family.

Many of you asked about our monthly parish socials - yes, they will definitely continue! The next one is planned for February, weather permitting. Stay tuned for details.

As mentioned at the dinner, a heartfelt thank you goes to Julee Lindberg, who did an outstanding job spearheading the event. We are deeply grateful to Julee and all the wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make it such a joyful success.

A special thank you also to the Greek Catholic Union for their generous \$500 donation, specifically designated to support this event in appreciation of our parish community.

May God continue to richly bless our parish family throughout the new year with health, peace, and unity in Christ.

Father Vasyl and the Parish Advisory Committee

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



### THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

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.

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Blessing of Water on January 6

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.