

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



Christ the Teacher - Pantocrator of Hagia Sophia

The True Light of Revelation to the Gentiles

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illumines everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment of the

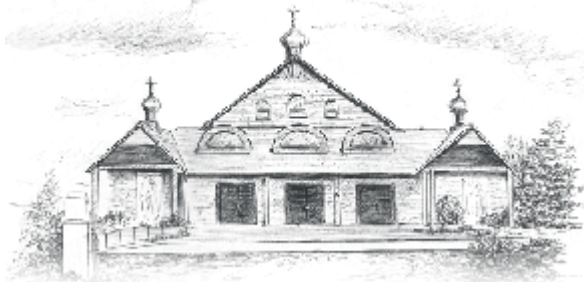
Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it," that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

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Seeking Hope During the Pandemic

—Some turn to little-known St. Corona—

The Catholic Church has thousands of saints, including those being named today. Corona was an early Christian martyr allegedly killed by Romans for consoling a Christian man who was being tortured, then professing her own faith.

She allegedly had a vision of two crowns descending from the sky, one for herself and one for her fellow Christian. Hence the name Corona, which means "crown" in Latin. The coronavirus, meanwhile gets its name from the crown-like spikes on its surface.

Corona's remains are buried in northern Italy, the epicenter of Europe's worst outbreak of the disease. For believers, that is more than coincidence. They also find it remarkable that a cathedral in southern Germany just happens to be taking a St. Corona shrine out of storage and preparing it for exhibition this year. The shrine, which contains relics from the saint, was scheduled for exhibition long before the virus appeared.

Michael Naughton, director of the Center for Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas, finds the situation intriguing. "It seems almost an extraordinary happenstance that a virus goes from China to northern Italy, where St. Corona is buried. She was not the saint of pandemics, but now we're making her a saint of pandemics. I don't think there's any problem with that. Saints are historical, but they also respond to the times in which we're in. While St. Corona's history has little to do with protecting against disease, she provides an inspiring example of how to behave when faced with life-or-death situations. She offered consolation to a suffering man."



Prayer to St. Corona During the "Corona" Pandemic

Almighty and Ever-Living God, through the intercession of Saint Corona look down upon us in Your rich mercy and compassion, as we are confronted enumerable evils about by the corona virus pandemic.

Through the prayerful intercession of the martyr, holy Corona, we come to You with confidence that through her supplications You will destroy all traces of the un-holy "corona" pandemic from the face of the earth that presently assails us.

May the prayers of Saint Corona before Your Heavenly Throne, protect all those who are most vulnerable to this dreaded global plague; the elderly and those of any age who are already compromised by serious conditions.

In addition, we call upon the heavenly protection of all first-responders, who include: emergency vehicle personnel, healthcare professionals, police and firefighters, coroners and countless volunteers, whose selfless dedication leave them extraordinarily vulnerable to succumbing to this very same disease.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us. Amen.

January 9, 2022

Christ is Baptized!

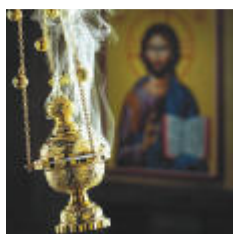
Liturgy Schedule

Monday	January 10	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Trompak by Eric/Linda Primuth
Tuesday	January 11	8:00 a.m.	†Scott Bickel by Norm/Pat Bickel
Wednesday	January 12	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention by Dr. Bogomir Kuhar
Thursday	January 13	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sasala by Deacon Bill/Nancy Fredrick
Friday	January 14	8:00 a.m.	†Irv Ornas by Larry/Mary Vasil
Saturday	January 15	4:00 p.m.	†Helen Bobco by Judy Weitzel
Sunday	January 16	10:30 a.m.	Intention of the Parishioners

		Altar Servers	Lectors	Greeters
January 15	4:00 p.m.	M. & T. Ebert	B. Fortlage	G. & J. Huntz
January 16	10:30 a.m.	L. Tinter & G. Dudick	A. Pinchak	N. & M. Ihnat

The Lord works from the inside out. The world works from the outside in.

All Souls Saturdays



Please note that the “**All Souls Saturdays**” envelope appears in your box next weekend. The first of five commemorations is **February 19th**. The next three happen consecutively

during Lent (March 12, 19, 26). The final one is the weekend of Pentecost in June. The names are carried over from year to year. If you are a first-timer or have additions, please submit the envelope by February 13th.

Stewardship Appeal

We received our first report from the chancery.

Pledged...\$11,376
Donors...41
Goal...\$25,600

We need everyone's participation! Send your pledge directly to the Eparchy/Diocese.

2021 Donations/Financial Report

We have officially closed the books on donations for 2021. Anything received from this point onward will be marked for this year. We are hoping to have your individual donations along with the parish financial report in your hands by the last weekend of this month. (If you need numbers earlier than that, contact **Michele Wiltshire** at **440-526-0016**.)



The **Holy Water** blessed on Thursday is available in the font located and appropriately marked in the vestibule. (Bring your own container.) It's there for your convenience all year round!

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Our new caterer is anxious to put on the annual **Volunteer Dinner**, but due to the Pandemic it looks like it will be an outdoor event in the spring, summer or fall. Stay tuned for details!

Our New Parochial Vicar...

If you weren't here last weekend, a biography on our new Parochial Vicar. **Father Vasyl Kupar** and his family was included in the Byzz Line. Pick up a copy in the vestibule or you can go to our website to learn more about this beautiful family from the Ukraine! (Father is expected to be with us until June. Father is looking to purchase a used car—ideally a hybrid. Have one for sale? Bargain price?!?!)



Blessed Repose, Eternal Memory!

Michael Prischak was buried this past week at the age of 94. For the past few years he has been on our monthly Communion visitation list while living at home with assistance. He was a valuable volunteer during his active years working fish fries, being part of the Men's Club and using his skills to leave a lasting mark at St. Joe's. (For example, he crafted the Trojica stand...for the three-branch candle held during the Gospel.) Parish sympathies are extended to his daughter **Linda (John) Greifenstein**, grandchildren **Sarah (Paul) Kazimer, Josh Greifenstein** and great grandchildren **Jude and Charlotte**.

We also buried this week **George Marko** who has been living in Florida. He, too, was 94. Parish sympathies are extended to his relatives in the parish.

In blessed repose grant rest O Lord to the souls of Your departed Servants **Michael and George** and may their memories be eternal! **Vichnaja Pamjat!**

Congratulations!



We congratulate **Jim and Kathy Krasnicki** who on Saturday will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary! They were married at St. Joe's on Orleans Avenue in Cleveland by **Father Nicholas Repko**.

Grant O Lord to Your Servants James and Kathy many more years of peace, health and happiness!

A-OK Club Meeting

The **A-OK Club** will meet on **Monday** at **7:00** in the conference room located in the Education Center.

ByzanTEEN Gathering

The **ByzanTEENS** will resume their monthly meetings **tonight** at **5:00** in the Activity Center. All teens are invited!

"Family Swim" Event Cancelled

The **Men's Club** has announced that the "Family Swim" listed on the monthly calendar has been cancelled.

Your Weekly Offering

January 2, 2022

Sunday:	\$3,876.00
e-giving:	915.00
Student Envelopes:	4.00
Cash:	20.00
Candles:	461.00
Holy Days:	230.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	148.00
Flowers:	10.00
Building Fund:	75.00
Christmas:	1,525.00
Total:	\$7,364.00

Have you remembered St. Joseph Church in your Will and/or Trust?

Mirovanije \$\$

Today's mirovanije \$\$ will be donated to the Lyceum School (Headmaster **Luke Macik**) as part of their annual appeal.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp is available on a monthly basis for the year 2023. The donation is \$20. Contact **Father** with your intention. (Six months remain available...July through December.)



Many thanks to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations last Sunday. So many people, including visitors, commented how beautiful the church looked!

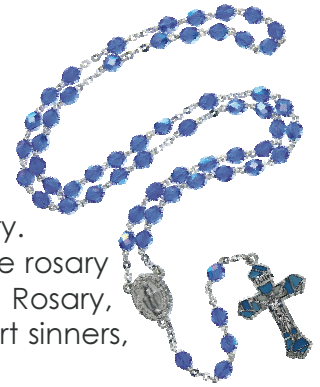
Moleben Service for Unborn

Deacon Bill has announced that there will be a **Moleben Prayer Service for the Unborn** on **January 21** starting with the rosary at **7:00**.



Please remember all the sick/suffering in your prayers, especially **Diane Balasz** (St. Joseph Villa; rehab); **Barbara Troyan** (home); **Joe Popik** (home) and **Mary Jo Keshock** (home).

What is the Rosary and Why Do We Pray it?



The Rosary is a Scripture based prayer that leads us to Jesus through Mary. The word rosary means garland of roses, which has been interpreted into the rosary of today—a string of beads. Mother Mary, also known as the Lady of the Rosary, urged everyone to pray the rosary to help people grow in their faith, convert sinners, and bring about world peace.

The Rosary begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and (added by Saint John Paul in 2002) the Luminous.

The rosary has 59 beads, a crucifix, and a medal, with certain prayers for each of these different pieces. The prayers of the rosary can be divided into three categories—Introductory Prayers, The Decades, and Closing Prayers. With the prayers of the rosary, we ask Mary to pray for us and to guide us by the example of her son, Jesus.

When you meditate on these mysteries and establish the rosary as a spiritual habit in your life an amazing thing happens: Jesus' peace becomes your peace, his hope becomes your hope, and his healing becomes your healing as his life transforms your life.

The **Five Joyful Mysteries** are prayed on Mondays, Saturdays and during the season of Advent, on Sundays:

The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Nativity
The Presentation in the Temple
The Finding in the Temple

The **Five Glorious Mysteries** are prayed on Wednesdays and, outside the seasons of Advent and Lent, on Sundays:

The Resurrection
The Ascension
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption
The Coronation of Mary

The **Five Sorrowful Mysteries** are prayed on Tuesdays, Fridays and during the season of Lent, on Sundays:

The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion and Death

The **Five Luminous Mysteries** are prayed on Thursdays:
The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan
The Wedding Feast at Cana
Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist



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CONFESSIONS: 45 minutes before liturgies for half an hour and by request

LADIES' AUXILIARY: 2nd Sunday of the month after liturgy

MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

FOREVER YOUNG CLUB: 3rd Wednesday of the month (12-2)

COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES:

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