



***Sunday January 7, 2018 31st SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the
Theophany . Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet,
Forerunner and Baptist John. Sunday after Theophany.***

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 1/10 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 1/13 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1/14 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Coffee Hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jan-7	LEWIS	SOUDER	BRASOWSKI
Jan-14	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	CAREY
Jan-21	WALES	WALES	WALES
Jan-28	SULPIZI	SOUDER	LEWIS
Feb 2	MEETING OF THE LORD		

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 1 Troparion of the Feast

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,
and called Thee His beloved Son;
and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//
and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Tone 2 Troparion *(John the Baptist)*

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise,
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner.
Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the Prophets,
for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Whom thou didst preach.
After suffering with joy on behalf of the truth,
thou didst proclaim even to those in hell the God Who appeared in the
flesh,
Who takes away the sin of the world//
and grants us great mercy!

Tone 6 Kontakion *(St John the Baptist)*

The river Jordan trembled, and was driven back,
filled with fear at Thy coming in the flesh,
while John drew back in awe
as he fulfilled the ministry of the Spirit.
The ranks of Angels stood amazed
when they beheld Thee baptized in the stream.

And we who were in darkness are filled with light.//
We praise Thee, O God made manifest, as Thou dost enlighten all.

Tone 4 Kontakion of the Feast

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord,
and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.
Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises:
“Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,//
O unapproachable Light.”

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(Sunday after the Theophany)*

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!
(Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(St John the Baptist)*

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:10)

Epistle Ephesians 4:7-13 *(Sunday after the Theophany)*

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

(Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Acts 19:1-8 (*St John the Baptist*)

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Now the men were about twelve in all.

And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)

Gospel Matthew 4:12-17 (*Sunday after the Theophany*)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

John 1:29-34 (*St John the Baptist*)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

(Instead of "It is truly meet," we sing:)

Hymn to the Theotokos)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos,
more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos;
even Angels are overcome with awe praising thee.

But since thou art good, accept our faith;
for thou knowest our love inspired by God!

Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

Communion Hymns

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. (*Titus 2:11*)

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. (*Ps 111/112:6b-7a*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Seminary Appeal the Diocese of Eastern PA is taking a collection for the three seminary families from our diocese (including the Conover family from St. Michael's). The collection will be taken for the seminarians today at coffee hour. Individuals may also send donation to the Diocese of EPA or send to the individual families themselves.

Family Promise Please help cook, serve a meal and eat with homeless families Mon. Jan.8, Tues. Jan. 9, and Thurs. Jan. 11, at St. Philips Lutheran church 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Family

Promise helps homeless families find jobs, training and homes and has an 83% success rate of keeping them in homes after more than one year. We need to share our hope, compassion, smiles and encouragement with them and especially their children. Please sign up on board in narthex. see Ellen Gundersen 610.388.0695 or puffins1000@gmail.com.

2018 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY The 2018 Diocesan Assembly will be held January 25-26, 2018 sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Church. We will need help with the preparations, the food, hospitality, and cleanup. We will also need help with the singing of the responses for the divine services. Please see Jeff Kendall if you can help.

Teen Retreat The diocesan teen retreat will be held on Feb. 9-11, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in Canadensis, PA. The retreat is an excellent opportunity for Orthodox teen fellowship. The retreat is open to all youths ages 12-17. There will be snow tubing, winter hiking, and more. Download your registration form at www.ocayouth.org.

Study Group Our weekly study group will resume this Thurs. Jan. 11th. at 10 a.m. We will continue with "Courage to Pray" by Metropolitan Anthony. Please feel free to join us. All are encouraged to come for continued Adult Education.

Paraklesis Small Paraklesis resume this Wed. Jan. 10th at 6:30 p.m. Please consider making a commitment to be a reader or to learn and help offer the responses. Come be a part of the mid-week service of supplication. Note: Small Paraklesis will continue Wednesday evenings until the start of Great Lent.

Parish Council Meeting We will have our January parish council meeting this Thurs, Jan 11th at 7:00 p.m. This will be a meeting of the 2017 parish council however; newly elected 2018 parish council members are encouraged to attend. We will have the formal Oath of Office for all new council members next Sunday Jan. 14th following liturgy.

Important Liturgical Dates for 2018

Great Lent begins February 19th

Holy Pascha 2018 April 8th

Holy Pentecost May 27th

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"The more frugal a man's life, the happier he is, for he is not troubled by a host of cares; slaves, farm-workers or herds. For when we are attached to such things and harassed by the problems they raise, we blame God. But because of our self-willed desire we cultivate death and remain wandering in the darkness of a life of sin, not recognizing our true self."

+*St. Anthony the Great*

"Once when I was a young novice I was praying before an icon of the Mother of God, and the Jesus Prayer entered into my heart and there began to repeat itself of its own accord. Here is a wondrous thing which passes understanding: she dwells in heaven and ever beholds the glory of God, yet she does not forget us, poor wretches that we are, and spreads her compassion over the whole earth, over all peoples. And this most pure Mother of His, the Lord has bestowed on us. She is our joy and our expectation. She is our Mother in the spirit, and kin to us by nature, as a human being, and every Christian soul leaps to her in love".

+ *From Saint Silouan the Athonite by Archimandrite Sophrony*

'A true Christian is made by faith and love toward Christ. Our sins do not in the least hinder our Christianity, according to the word of the Savior Himself. He deigned to say: not the righteous have I come to call, but sinners to salvation; there is more joy in heaven over one who repents than over ninety righteous ones. Likewise concerning the sinful woman who touched His feet, He deigned to say to the Pharisee Simon: to one who has love, a great debt is forgiven, but from one who has no love, even a small debt will be demanded. From these judgments a Christian should bring himself to hope and joy, and not in the least accept an inflicted despair. Here one needs the shield of faith.'

+*St. Herman of Alaska*

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest Stephen Mack, Archpriest Wsevolod Drobot, Protodeacon Keith Russin, Matushka Martha Ermikov, Matushka Marie (Gambal) Kreta

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicky, Cathy Souder

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Mary (Misty) Robinson, Laura Cristina Najemy, Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Leah Reed

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
7-Jan	POT LUCK - Riley	Sulpizi/Finck	Riley	Lewis
14-Jan	Shatley/Hines	Hojnicki/Souder	Bunitsky	Gundersen
21-Jan	Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Telep/Baldychev	Farrell	Farrell
28-Jan	Souder/Riley	Bunitsky/Lewis	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha

Church School Reminder

Jan. 7 No Class Nativity/
Theophany Break
Jan. 14 Class
Jan. 21 Class
Jan. 28 Class

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Jan-7 Rafael
Jan-14 Roel
Jan-21 Rafael
Jan-28 Roel