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**Afterfeast of the Theophany
Sunday after the Theophany**

- 9:10am – Hours
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy
 - Epistle: Eph. 4:7-13
 - Gospel: Matt. 4:12-17
- Panikhida - in memory of newly-departed:
 - Antonina Rotko – offered by Maria Suchowacki & Family and the Sisterhood of the Assumption;
 - Dear friend Mary Milk – by John & Loraine Korello.
- Church school

Schedule of Services

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH

6:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH

9:10am - Hours

9:30am - Divine Liturgy, followed by

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The Blessing of Water

In the Book of Genesis, we read that creation began when the Spirit of God moved over the face of the waters. (Gen. 1:2) Throughout the Bible, water plays an important and a 'mystical role' in human existence and in man's relationship with God the Creator.

In the New Testament, we see water becoming the means by which the Trinity was revealed during the Baptism of Jesus, which we celebrate on the Feast of Theophany on January 6 each year. In the Baptism of Jesus, at the hands of John the Baptist, the spiritual significance and potential of water as the source of life is again revealed and reaffirmed just as in Genesis, the first book of the Bible.

In a sermon on Theophany, St. John Chrysostom says: "On this day Christ was baptized; through His Baptism He sanctified the element of water. There let us all draw of the water and store it in homes, because on this day the water is consecrated."

In blessing water on the Feast Day, we ask and pray that the original purpose of water, as a source of life, blessing and holiness be revealed to us as we drink it

When we bless water - or any other material object - and when we celebrate the Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church, we reverently and gratefully proclaim that Christ Himself (in the words of the Divine Liturgy) "offers and is offered" blesses and sanctifies the world (cosmos) as the Great High Priest.

The celebration of the Great Blessing of Water is an affirmation that through Christ's own baptism, He who is our loving Lord has lifted the curse of Adam's sin, and given the creative goodness of God's creation back to mankind once again.

Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pawlush, Helen Pirniak, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

THE DEPARTED:

Newly-departed Mary Milk, newly-departed Antonina Rotko, Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara, Julia Brelinsky, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Michael Kovach, Deborah Wanko, Melanie Prybylski and to all who celebrate their Birthdays in the month of January. May God grant you good health and happiness for Many, Many Years!

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.

Today's Memorial Offering



• **Sanctuary Lamp** – in honor of Deborah Wanko's Birthday – by children Lauren & Lindsay.

• **In Memory of Antonina Rotko:** \$150 – by June & Mike Lopen & Family; \$50 – by Nana Sarulidze; \$25 – by Marie & Bob Tusie; \$20 – by Rev John Korbelak.

• **In Memory of Mary Milk:** \$100 – by sister Teresa Ciavitta.



Announcements

❖ Please sign up at the candle desk for **Blessing of homes** or call rectory for an appointment. Please indicate your name, preferred date, time, as well as address and phone number.

❖ Save the date! – **Ice Skating on Sunday, January 30, 2011** sponsored by NJ District of F.O.C.A. Everyone is invited. Gathering at 2:30 p.m. in our church hall. Ice Skating will be indoors from 3:15pm – 4:30pm at the Korpi Ice Rink located in Bayonne High School. For more info, please contact Marge Kovach, 732-815-9765 mjkovach@aol.com, see a flyer posted on our bulletin board, or visit our website.

❖ **Coffee Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk. Upcoming Coffee Hours: January 16 – offered by Halina Harasim.

Our Deepest Sympathy

To Walter Milk on the loss of his beloved wife, our parishioner Mary Milk, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, January 3, 2010. May she rest in peace in God's Heavenly Kingdom! Memory Eternal!