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28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

January 5, 2020

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2 Timothy 4:5-8 (Epistle)

Mark 1:1-8 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship and fellowship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY **Eve of Theophany** **Strict Fast**

29TH Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday before Theophany; Ven. Syncletica of Alexandria (†350); Hieromartyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and Martyr Theonas (†303); Prophet Micah (†9TH c. BC); Virginmartyr Apollinaria of Egypt (ca. †470);

READERS: Hours: Rich BRUMER; Epistle: Marlo PERRY

GREETER: Greg GRABAVOY

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy**

11:30 pm **Great Blessing of Water** followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

Monday, January 6 **The Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

Saturday, January 11

4:50 pm Ninth Hour; Confession

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

Sunday, January 12 **30TH Sunday after Pentecost;** Martyr Tatiana of Rome (†226-235); Ven.

Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (†1483); Mr. Mertius of Mauretania (†284-305); Mr. Peter Apselamus of Palestine (†309-310); Ven. Eupraxia of Tabenna, (†393);

READERS: Hours: Rich BRUMER; Epistle: Maria LLAMAS

GREETER: Kathy WHALEN

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** and **Memorials** for: Kathryn West (†17 years), Harold West (†12 years), Joseph & Anna Sovich and James Srygler (†3 years) followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

Thursday, January 16

6:30 pm Parish Board Meeting

Friday, January 17

7:00 pm **Orthodoxy Study** Group Gathering. Topic: **THE BOOK OF HEBREWS** *Invite a friend.*

**GOD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS &
RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP!!!**

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board.

SCRIP is available at every Sunday Fellowship Hour.

PASTORAL MINISTRY Call (815) 725-4742 or (630) 559-5785 to register as a parishioner, to initiate instruction in the Faith, to schedule sacraments, visitation, etc.

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check your schedule and see when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board for next 6 months of the coffee hour rotation.

CALENDARS AVAILABLE Liturgical calendars for 2020 are available in the vestibule of the church.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES Please, don't forget to take your Envelopes for the 2020 they are available in the vestibule of the church. If you don't find a box with your name on it and would like to receive a one, please let us know.

BLESSING OF HOMES A home blessing can be requested any time during the year, however, it is an ancient Orthodox Tradition that all the homes be blessed with the newly sanctified water during the Theophany season. It is customary to have a table covered with a white table cloth and on top an icon, candle and a bowl for the holy water. It is not necessary to buy a white table cloth if you don't have one. You may also want to have a list of names (living and departed) to be remembered. If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr. Mykola (630) 559-5785 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR AUTOCEPHALY The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America has proclaimed 2020, as the year when our Church marks the anniversaries of the reception of the Tomos of autocephaly from the venerable Russian Orthodox Church, and the glorification of our heavenly patron, St. Herman of Alaska. Chicago Deanery will celebrate on February 7TH and 8TH, 2020.

PAN ORTHODOX SANCTITY OF LIFE PRAYER SERVICE Sunday, January 19TH, 6:00pm, at Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 6980 County Line Rd, Burr Ridge, IL. This event is sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association (OCCA).

MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO The annual rally for the protection of the unborn will take place on Saturday, January 11TH from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Daley Federal Plaza in downtown Chicago. In 7 years, the March for Life Chicago grew from 150 to 8,000 marchers! It is the Midwest's Largest Pro-Life Event. Please, volunteer to rally and support such an important cause!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Arthur COOK Tom KOMPARE Richard JOVANOVIH Frank WHALEN Lubov SIROTUK Jose FELIX
Katherina BRADLEY Georgia PATTEN Matthew FIGURA June BRADLEY Peggy BENNETH Kathy HANNEMAN Lydia ODOM

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Juliana HOLWEY on January 5TH and Nicholas HOLWEY on January 7TH.

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

Today Epistle (2 Timothy 4:5-8)

Brethren... But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Today Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Апостол Дня (Галатам 1:11-19)

Братия... Но ты будь бдителен во всем, переноси скорби, совершай дело благовестника, исполняй служение твое. Ибо я уже становлюсь жертвою, и время моего отшествия настало. Подвигом добрым я подвизался, течение совершил, веру сохранил; а теперь готовится мне венец правды, который даст мне Господь, праведный Судия, в день оный; и не только мне, но и всем, возлюбившим явление Его.

Евангелие Дня (Марк 1:1-8)

Начало Евангелия Иисуса Христа, Сына Божия, как написано у пророков: "вот, Я посылаю Ангела Моего пред лицом Твоим, который приготовит путь Твой пред Тобою. Глас вопиющего в пустыне: 'приготовьте путь Господу, прямыми сделайте стези Ему.'" Явился Иоанн, крестя в пустыне и проповедуя крещение покаяния для прощения грехов. И выходили к нему вся страна Иудейская и Иерусалимляне, и крестились от него все в реке Иордане, исповедуя грехи свои. Иоанн же носил одежду из верблюжьего волоса и пояс кожаный на чреслах своих, и ел акриды и дикий мед. И проповедывал, говоря: "идет за мною Сильнейший меня, у Которого я недостоин, наклонившись, развязать ремень обуви Его; я крестил вас водою, а Он будет крестить вас Духом Святым."

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