

January 7th, 2024
Sunday after Theophany

SUNDAY, 1/7 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 1/8 **No** Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 1/9 **5:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention

WEDNESDAY, 1/10 **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 1/11 **5:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention

FRIDAY, 1/12 **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 1/13 **4:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 1/14 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements
1-Blessing of the House

If you wish your house to be blessed with Jordan water call to parish office.

**Jordan Blessing of the Father and Head of the
UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav**

As the calendar year begins anew, once again we open the doors of our homes and hearts to the Divine Guest, who with the Jordan Feast brings us the blessing of His presence. Weary as we may be in the context of a war that will soon begin its third year, we welcome with joy our parish priest, knowing that the holy water he sprinkles symbolizes the fullness of God's love and protection. In our tradition the Jordan Feast is celebrated as the Feast of Theophany, that is, of God revealing Himself to us as One in Three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father's voice resounds from the heavens: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11). The gift of the Son is given to us by the Father—to lead us, to teach us, to save us from the slavery of sin—so that we might become his adopted sons and daughters.

In addition to the gift of the Son, we also receive the sublime gift of the Holy Spirit: "And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove." (Mk 1:10). It is this Spirit who flows continually into our hearts and helps us fulfill our vocation as children of God, making His fruits present in the world through us in love, joy, patience and peace. Just as we are confirmed as one Body of Christ in the sharing of the Eucharist, we are also confirmed as one Christian family when the same Jordan water is carried to each of

*Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy*
Feb. 2nd – Encounter
Feb. 12th – Great Lent begins

our homes. Let us renew that sense of belonging to one Christian family, that sense of responsibility for one another, that sense of mission to those who have yet to receive the Good News of our Lord. Please be assured of my fatherly affection for each one of you. I bless this home and all who live in it – in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sunday Readings

Holy Gospel
Matthew 4 : 12 – 17

Now when Jesus[a] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Holy Epistle
Ephesians 4: 7 – 14

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

9 (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended[a] into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for 12/31/23, including envelope offerings - \$741, donations - \$227, candles - \$93
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1061

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Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

*THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.*