

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Sunday after Theophany**

**SUNDAY, 1/11**     9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                         10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention  
**MONDAY, 1/12**     7:30 am Divine Liturgy + for souls in Purgatory  
**TUESDAY, 1/13**     No service  
**WEDNESDAY, 1/14** No service  
**THURSDAY, 1/15**   No service  
**FRIDAY, 1/16**       No service  
**SATURDAY, 1/17**   4:00 pm Divine Liturgy + for souls in Purgatory  
**SUNDAY, 1/18**       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.

**2-Church Calendars Available**

Church calendars are now available at the back of the church. Please feel free to pick one up after the service.

**3- Service Update**

Please note that there will be **no Evening Service this Wednesday** due to Jordan House Blessing visitations.

Please note that there will be **no Divine Liturgy this Friday**, as the pastor will be away due to **medical procedures**.

**Our Venerable Father Theodosius,  
Founder of the Cenobitic Monastic Life**

*(Commemorated on Jan. 11th)*

On Jan. 11th, the Church commemorates Our Venerable Father Theodosius, a great pillar of monastic life who helped shape the communal (cenobitic) way of following Christ. Unlike hermits who lived alone, St. Theodosius gathered monks into a common life of prayer, work, obedience, and mutual love—showing that holiness can be lived together, as one spiritual family.

St. Theodosius taught that monastic life is not an escape from the world, but a witness to the Kingdom of God. In community, monks learned humility, patience, forgiveness, and service—virtues that are essential not only in monasteries, but in every Christian household and parish.

His life reminds us that salvation is never a solitary journey. We are called to carry one another’s burdens, to grow together in faith, and to place Christ at the center of our shared life. Whether in a monastery, a family, or a parish community, the path to holiness is walked through love, obedience, and sacrifice.

*Upcoming Events  
in Parish & Eparchy*  
Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Encounter  
Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Lent begins

May the prayers of Our Venerable Father Theodosius inspire us to live in unity, deepen our commitment to prayer, and build communities rooted in Christ.

**Sunday After Theophany — “The Light Has Dawned”**

After the radiant feast of Theophany—when the Father’s voice is heard, the Son is revealed in the Jordan, and the Holy Spirit descends like a dove—the Church leads us immediately into what comes next: life after revelation.

In today’s Gospel (Matthew 4:12–17), Christ does not stay at the Jordan. He moves into Galilee, into ordinary towns, into places marked by hardship and spiritual darkness. The Evangelist says the people “sat in darkness,” and yet a great Light rises. This is the pattern of God: He reveals Himself in glory, and then He walks with us into real life—into our homes, our struggles, our work, our anxieties, and our decisions.

And what is the first word of Jesus’ public preaching?

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Repentance is not simply feeling bad. It is turning toward the Light—reorienting the heart, choosing truth over excuses, prayer over distraction, forgiveness over resentment, and courage over fear. Theophany shows us who Christ is; repentance is how we begin to live with Him.

The Epistle (Ephesians 4:7–13) adds something beautiful and practical: Christ does not only call us to change—He equips us. St. Paul teaches that the Lord gives gifts to His Church: different ministries, different roles, different strengths—so that the whole Body may grow into maturity. In other words: the Light we have received is meant to shine through us, not just upon us.

This week, try a simple Theophany “afterglow” practice:

Name one place of darkness in your life (a habit, a worry, a conflict, a delay in doing what’s right).

Take one concrete step toward the Light (a confession, a sincere apology, a new prayer rhythm, a decision to serve).

Use one gift God has given you for the building up of the parish—your time, kindness, skills, encouragement, or presence.

Theophany is not only a feast we remember—it is a life we enter. Christ has come. The Light has dawned. Now, let us walk in it.

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Sunday collections** for the weekend of 1/4/26, including envelope offerings - **\$695**,  
donations -**\$359**, candles -**\$57**  
**Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1111**  
**Theophany: \$305**

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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.***