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Liturgy is at 10 AM. Today is the Sunday before the Theophany. Tone is Four. The Epistle is Colossians 2:8-11.

Gospel is Luke 2:20-40-52. St. Basil, Circumcision of our Lord.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Schedule of services and events for the week:

Monday, January 2, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, January 3, 8:30 AM – Hours

Tuesday, January 3, 5:30 PM- Prepping turkey for Dorothy Day meal

Thursday, January 5, 8:30 AM – Hours

Thursday, January 5, 7 PM – Vigil for Theophany

Friday, January 6, 9 AM – Liturgy Theophany

Friday, January 6, 1:30 PM – Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen

Sunday, January 8, 9AM – Church School

Sunday, January 8, 10 AM – Liturgy

Sunday, January 8, 11:30 AM – Coffee Hour in honor of Marty Howley's 50th birthday

Epistle and Gospel Reading for the Week:

Monday, Hebrews 8:7-13; Luke 20:27-44 – Saint Sylvester

Tuesday, Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23; Luke 21:12-19 – Holy Prophet Malachi

Wednesday, Hebrews 10:1-18; Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24 – Synaxis of the 70 Apostles

Thursday, 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18 – Theophany Eve

Friday, Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17 - THEOPHANY

Saturday, Acts 19:1-8; John 1:29-34 – Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

Sunday, Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17 – George the Chozebite

Holy Trinity is having a New Year's Party Saturday, January 21 at 7 PM. Semi-Formal attire and catered buffet dinner and drinks. BYOB. Cost is \$25.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children under 10 and children 5 and under free.

Our Annual parish meeting is set for Sunday, January 29 immediately following Divine Liturgy. This is the First of Three announcements. We do have one position open for Member-at-large.

Slate of officers:

President: Harry Fong

Vice President: Spiros Theodorides

Secretary: Sandi Fong

Treasurer: Dean Theodorides

Assistant Treasurer: Andres Villa

Members-at-large: Susan Sulich, Alex Sirak

House Blessings

Fr. Luke is scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

- 1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.
- 2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.
- 3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.
- 4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.
- 5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.
- 6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.
- 7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.
- 8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!



The Women's Knitting Group is open to all whether you know how to knit or not. This group will give an opportunity for the members to bond together in a Christian atmosphere. If you are interested in coming together to learn how to knit and grow closer to your fellow parishioners please contact Suad Behrend at 203.304.1034 or Amy Arifin 914.434.1027.

DOROTHY DAY SOUP KITCHEN: We will be carving turkeys for our meal on Tuesday January 3rd at 5:30 p.m. for anyone who would like to come and help. On Friday, November 4th, we served over 100 turkey dinners to guests at the Dorothy Day Hospitality House. Our next day to serve will be Friday January 6th (Theophany) from 1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Volunteers can work from 1-3 or 3-5:30 or the entire afternoon. If you are interested in coming down and serving, please contact Susan Sulich at 203-746-6008/ssulich@yahoo.com.

*The Viridian Electric Power is starting to give back some real monetary benefits to our parish. We have received so far this year over \$400 in rebates from those of you who have signed up for Viridian. The more people we have the more money comes back to the church EVERY month. For each household that signs up, there is about \$2.00 that is giving to the parish. Presently we are receiving about \$46.00 per month. If you have not signed up already, forms are downstairs. Or you may go online to sign up by using our website www.viridian.com/holytrinity (make sure you click **everyday green** for the low rate).*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Parish New Years Party – Saturday, January 21*
- First ASP Training Session – Sunday, Jan. 22nd 5-7 p.m.*
- Annual Parish Meeting- Sunday, January 29th*
- Wild Game Dinner – Saturday, February 11*

Because you asked, the parish council is having someone in back to provide change for those wishing to purchase candles. We will need help manning the candle table throughout the year. If you would like to help make change with a friendly face, please see one of the parish council members.

As a reminder these are the suggested donations for the candles:

- 4 hour votive candles..... \$0.50 each.*
- 15 hour votives..... \$1.00 each*
- Tapers white and beeswax... \$1.00 each*
- 7 day vigil candles\$5.00 each*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS DESIGNATED FOR MORTGAGE REPAYMENT. IF EVERY PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTES \$50 EVERY MONTH (\$600/YEAR) TO THE MORTGAGE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET OUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENTS.

The Parish Council urges parishioners to do your best to help the parish financially. All of parish ministries are funded through your generosity and is essential in the success of the parish. At the semi-annual meeting, it was agreed on for parishioners to use \$50.00 per week as a guideline for giving. If all adult members did so, we would be able to meet our monthly obligations. Of course, some are able to give more some less. In all cases, we thank you for your support for it is essential to the life of your parish. As part of the Parish Council's efforts to keep the parish informed, the monthly general financial income and expenses will be posted.

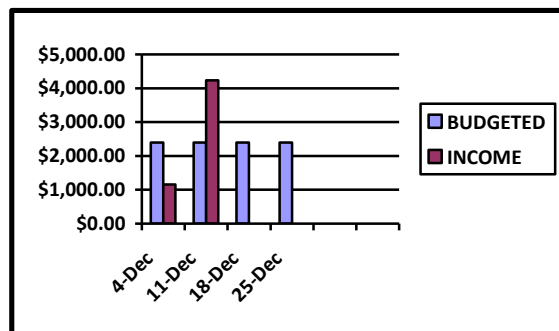
Total Receipts including collection from Sunday, December 4 was: \$1155.75

Building Fund Checks: \$50.00	Weekly general collection checks: \$570.00
Weekly general collection Cash: \$244.75	Mortgage: \$175.00
Building Fund Cash: \$116.00	

Total Receipts including collection from Sunday, December 11 was: \$4236.93

Rental: \$1275.00	Weekly general collection checks: \$1335.00
Weekly general collection cash: \$114.93	Mortgage: \$1150.00
Building Fund Cash: \$122.00	Building Fund Checks: \$240.00

Figure 1 - Sunday Collections



As a reminder, the **first collection** after the sermon is for the **building fund**. The **second collection** taken after communion is the **general collection**. Please note that the Parish Council asks that parishioners use separate checks for different funds. As a reminder from our semi-annual meeting, we need to average \$2000.00 a week to cover expenses. If we have each adult give \$50.00 a week or \$200 a month we would be able to meet our responsibilities.

Cleaning Schedule

The parish council has hired a cleaning service for \$50.00 a cleaning to come in twice a month to clean the church and the church hall. If you are unable to clean the church during the time assigned for you, you are encouraged to make a donation to the church to help pay for the cleaning service.

Items needed for general church cleaning

- 1) Glass Cleaner
- 2) Clorox Spot Remover with Bleach
- 3) Murphy's Oil Soap for the wood floors and pews.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

The dumpster is located at the far end of the parking lot. PLEASE sweep the floors in the basement after coffee hour. Please remember that those who volunteer for coffee hour are only expected to get something simple such as bagels. With everything increasing in prices, please do not feel that you have to feed the entire parish.

1/8 – Marty Howley Coffee Hour – Vida Bundra coordinator

1/15-

1/22-

1/29 – Annual Meeting

READERS SCHEDULE

1/1	Susan Paltauf
1/8	Suzanne Molineaux
1/15	Harry Fong
1/22	Stephen Fong
1/29	Paul Toaso

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January	
Andres Villa	1
Pablo Gabriel Villa	3
Stephanie Fong	10
James Kavallines	10
Alexandra Pnev	14
Douglas Trainor	18
Nicholas Huott	18
Kate Kerpchar	27
Connie Somoskovec	30

Scripture Reading for Sunday, January 1 - Prayer Before Reading Holy Scripture

O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

The Reading is from the Colossians 2:8-12

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

The Gospel Reading is from Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

At that time, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

**PRAYER LIST
For the Living**

Thomas (Krafick)	Stephanie (Fong)	Matthew (Bracey)	Elaine (Toaso)
Pauline (Meath)	Paul (Stagen)	Eugene (Brown)	Patricia (Zeleniak)
Wylie (Meath)	Valerie (Stagen)	Joe (Derevjanik)	James (Rush)
Sally (Hubiak)	Marianna (Parsamyan)	Mary (Derevjanik)	Jerry (Kachevsky)
Helen (Popp)	Greg (Chilek)	Sophie (Tomasini)	Anthony (Noto)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Paul (Willis)	Richard (Stack)	Serge (Mihaly)
Sophia (Buterakos)	Ethel (Montauredes)	Joelle (Alsdorf)	Viktor (Kuziak)
Rebecca (Sahin)	Anne (Popp)	Kathy (Valentine)	Lou (Biondi)
Carol (Wilenchek)	Mary (Kovach)	Irm (Manton)	Tony (Centofanti)
Anna (Salony)	Jennie (Curran)	James (Sapione)	Jeanne (LaPorta)
Andrew (Valentine)	Lynn (Cavallo)	Father Thomas (Blaschak)	Jerry (Arangelovich)
Delia (Stefan)	Dorothy (Brown)	Bill (Kahn)	Louis (Apostol)
Josh (Horner)	Anastasios (Orfanos)	Dorine (DelPo)	Patrick (Meath)
Catherine (Quarberg)	Julia (Zimmerman)	Katherine (Kavallines)	Octi (Bundra)
Marian (Beschle)	Rev. Paul (Dorn)	Bob (Sully)	Thomas (Pellegrino)
Julia (Zimmerman)	Bill (Pellegrino)	Rebecca (McCarthy)	Ann (Rossi)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Barbara (Hollister)	John (Schigel)	Kathy (Koffs)
Samuel (Magri)	Stan	Sonia (Pellegrino)	Steven (Eigenrauch)
Steve (Schell)	Steven (Noto)	Eric (Stefanik)	Pani Helen (Shutack)
Christina (Somoskevich)	Coriolan (Bundra)	Sonya (Spear)	David (Hollister)
Annalisa (Paltauf)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Radu (Timoscsa)	Helen (Kazolas)
Nickolas (Noto)	Carmen (Sanchez)	Debra (Noto)	Donna (Kazolas)
Rose (Hubiak)	Stella (Woodfield)	Tatyana (Nanocchio)	Mike (Walsh)
John (Hubiak)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Cyril (Gutzman)	Sheila (Walsh)
Richard (Guilmartin)	Maria (Pauta)	Marika (Gutzman)	Olga (Saranotski)
James (Buterakos)	Jessica (Cochrane)	Trianna (Gutzman)	Charlotte (James)
Serge (Mihaly, Jr.)	Melissa (Kelly)	Elaine (Cookie Bily)	
Ricky (Porter)	Fr. Lawrence (Barriger)	Tom (Kasper)	Edna (Kasper)
Sharon	Joshua	Paul	Anastasia (Mihaly)
Fr. Ronald (Hazuda)	Carolyn (Paulin)	Jeff (Stagon)	Laurel
Katarina (Mihaly)	June (Paulin)	Sayaka	David (Bennet)
Mary	Jason	Katie	Rob (Paltauf)
Andrea (Paltauf)	Francisco (Villa)	Paola (Villa)	Tabata (Villa)
Natash (Villa)	Raymond (Brien)	Daria	Ken (Zaengle)
Bob (Popp)	Nicholas (Noto)	Bobby (Bennet)	Barbara
Grayson	Al (Lenoce)	Wanda	April
Richard (Stewart)	Tina	Rex (Doug) Sunderland	George (Popp)
Taylor (Freitas)	Tess (Grimaldi)	Linda (Ney)	Ray
Ann (Salony)	Peter (Gard)	Leia	Alex
Lillian			

For the Departed

Metropolitan Nicholas	June (Elrod)	Anna (Logressa)	Rose (Procacci)
Marilyn (Berardsley)	Cina (Daskalakis)	Phyllis (Duclos)	Michael (McKenna)
Frank (Finui)	John	Giovanni (Villa)	John (Kasper)
Serge (Kachevsky)	Mary (Pawchyk)	Helen (Rowland)	Karen (Elrod-Williams)
Deacon William (Friedel)	Thomas (Loucas)	Lucinda (Pauta)	Philip (Duffy)
Shirley (Trainor)	Bishop Andrew		