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January 10, 2021

Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.



10 January 2021 Sunday after Theophany, Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa ; the Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Mileten; Our Venerable Father Marcian, Presbyter and Econome of the Great Church

Epistle: - Ephesians 4:7-14 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17 Tone: Sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

**Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM**

**Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.**

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number – Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee.**

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be in writing by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or by Appointment on other days**

******Please Note ******

Mass Offerings , Sorokousty

Mother's Day, Father's Day

**Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young
not the Church ! Thank You...**

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.

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Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

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Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____




(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

From the Vespers of Sunday after Theophany O faithful, let us praise the great plans of God who works in our behalf,* for the only pure and spotless One* became Incarnate on account of our fall* and purifies us in the Jordan River.* He sanctifies us together with the waters* and crushes the heads of serpents in this water.* O believers, let us therefore draw water with joy,* for those who draw it in faith* shall be invisibly endowed with the grace of the Spirit** through the presence of Christ our God, the Savior of our souls.



*Bread and Wine Offering - In Memory of +Gebuza & +Hoc Families
by Beata Gebuza & Family*

01/09	Saturday	9:00 AM	Saturday after Theophany +EVELYN, +HELEN, +JOHN KOCIABA & DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS
01/10	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday after Theophany Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян + Judith Walker req by Lawrence & Sonia Shaub
01/11	Monday		No Liturgy
01/12	Tuesday	10:00 AM	+Michael Horbel & Deceased of family
01/13	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+ Theodore Gela Jr. req. by Dorothy Duda
01/14	Thursday	10:00 AM	+Michael PATULAK 40 TH day req. by Holy Name Society
01/15	Friday	10:00 AM	+ Fr. Andrey Dykyy 40 th day req. by family
01/16	Saturday		No Liturgy
01/18	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Thomas Monks req. by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>Good Health Family Bilas by Jatsiv Family</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>Good Health Antonina Zanowiak from Oksana & Wladyslaw Gebuza & Family</i>	
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Ivan Zanowiak from Oksana & Wladyslaw Gebuza & Family</i>	
Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates None Offered	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 3/8/21-3/14/21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 1/18/21-1/24/21 1/25/21-1/31/21 3/1/21-3/7/21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES None Offered

2020 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.
Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory
Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.
Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!
Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

******Notice ******The Men's room **is closed for renovation** till further notice. Ladies bathroom will be used by everyone.

2020 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of January continues and hope to complete the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2020**.

This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower. Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification.

Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support.

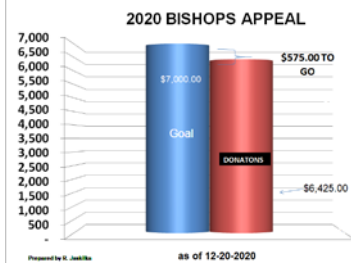
You have received by mail your request for support.

Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!

There will be collectors to take your donation for 2020 in the church hall or mail it in to church !

Donations \$6,425.00 or 90.4% to go \$575.00 This week \$0.00.



The 2020 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to:

“The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford” and send or bring your donation to the church.

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

Do not use Paypal for your donation !

Since every parish in the diocese has been assessed a target for this campaign, **please do not sent your gift directly to Stamford.** Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. We have met our goal over the last nine years and have not had to put any additional strain on our parish's treasury. While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

This Year 2020 because of Covid-19 we are beginning the Charities Appeal in September which is later than other years. Hopefully now by God's grace as Autumn approaches we all will be blessed with good health in our homes and our community.

Church Donation of \$150.00 in loving memory of my Grandparents +**Michael & +Mary Novak** by John Ferencz Jr.

PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting
JANUARY
2021



Monthly Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Board of Directors

Wednesday evening January 20, 2021

@ 7:15 pm in the church hall

All Board members are requested to attend!!!!

Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !



2021 ENVELOPES

The **envelopes** for **2021** are in the church hall.

Please pick them up; **they will not be mailed.**

Any friends/relatives may also pick up their envelopes for

Also, **2021 calendars are here – one per family as long as they last.**

The calendars were generously donated by John Zaleski of Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home

Thank you and mnohaya lita!



delivery.



SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY—THEOPHANY of Our Lord
Epistle - Ephesians 4:7-14 ~ Gospel - Matthew 4: 12-17 **Tone 7**

Hundreds of years before the Savior was born, Isaiah, living in a dark time of tyranny and cruelty, foretold the coming of a great light: *“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”* (Isaiah 9:12).

The **“great light”**, foretold by Isaiah centuries before, was none other than our Lord Jesus. He came as light into a dark world. The Apostle John writes, *“God is light and in Him is no darkness at all”* (John 1:5). When God created the world, He said, *“Let there be light.”* And there was light! The point

to observe here is that when God expressed Himself, there was light. The Psalmist sings it: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"*

Darkness came because of man's sin. Yet in the darkness God kept the lamp of His presence and grace burning. All through the Old Testament God kept promising that one day the bond of darkness would be broken. The Prophet Isaiah said, *"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you... And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising"* (Isaiah 60:1-3).

So it seems logical that when Jesus came the wise men should come saying: *"We have seen the light of his star and have come to worship him"* (Matthew 2:2). And when Simeon the aged prophet saw Mary and Joseph come to the temple to present the Christ Child to the Lord, he declared to God, *"You can take me home now; let your servant depart from the planet in peace, for mine eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles, and a glory for your people Israel"* (Luke 2:29-31).

Following that majestic sequence from the light of creation to the light of the incarnation, God coming down as light to become man in the person of His Son, St. John writes, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made, that was made. In him was life and the life was the light of man. The light shone in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it"* (John 1:1-5). Beautiful and true as this statement is, it is but a reflection of what Jesus, who is Himself the Light, said: *"I am the light of the world; he who follows me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life"* (John 8:12). And later: *"I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness"* (John 12:46).

Whoever "believes in me" and "follows me" says Jesus, does not "remain in darkness" but already "has the light of life." What is this light? In Christ we know who God is. This is the light. In Christ we know who we are. This is the light. In Christ we know the way of life for which man was created. This is the light. In Christ we have the answer to the riddle of death. This is the light. All this has been revealed to us by Christ who is the Light of the World. God *"has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ"* (2 Cor. 4:6).

Jesus came as a **"great light"** to those who languished in darkness. He was and still is the world's greatest candle lighter. In Him was light. The light was the light of men. Probably no other word describes Christ so accurately as the word light. He comes as a light to those who sit in the darkness of despair. He lights candles of love, joy, forgiveness, peace and meaning in the lives of people today.

When we go to church on Sunday, we light a candle. What is this but a reminder that we have received light from Christ and that, like Him, we too, ought to be lighting candles in the lives of people.

God Himself is the light. Jesus was born at night to show us that when it gets dark in our life, when we walk in the shadows, when we are overcome by despair, He will come to be our Light and will enable us to say: *I heard the voice of Jesus say 'I am this dark world's light', look unto me; thy morn shall rise; and all they day be bright. I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

The light of God gives for our present darkness, especially now that we stand on the threshold of a New Year, was expressed by Louise Haskins: *I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way.* (From the 'Gems from the Sunday Gospels – Anthony M. Coniaris)

THE FEAST OF LIGHTS

In the early Church, the Theophany/Epiphany, the day of Christ's baptism, became the day on which the pagan converts to Christianity were received into the Church through baptism. Each newly baptized convert held the baptismal candle during the Liturgy. In addition to this, Christians who had already been baptized brought their baptismal candles to Church on this day to renew their baptismal vows; to renew the commitment to Christ which they had made at Baptism. As a result, everyone in the congregation held a lighted candle on the Feast of Epiphany. The churches became a sea of lights. Hence, this day came to be called in Greek "ta Fota" or the Feast of Lights.

JANUARY 14, 2021 - LEAVE TAKING OF THE FEAST OF THEOPHANY: An Afterfeast or Leave Taking, is a period of celebration attached to one of the Great Feasts celebrated by the Orthodox Christian and Eastern Catholic Churches (somewhat analogous to what in the West would be called

an Octave) during which the feast continues to be celebrated. The celebration of the Great Feasts of the church year are extended for a number of days, depending upon the particular Feast. Each day of an Afterfeast will have particular hymns assigned to it, continuing the theme of the Feast being celebrated. The last day of an Afterfeast is called the Apodosi (Ancient Greek for "leave-taking", lit. "giving-back") of the Feast. On the Apodosi, most of the hymns that were chanted on the first day of the Feast are repeated.

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA:

THEOPHANY of Our Lord Jesus Christ - THE DIVINE LIGHT

Page 38, Section 87; Page 43, Section 102; Page 177, Sections 530-532; Page 182, Sections 549



Saint Romanos Melodios (560) composer of hymns Hymns for Epiphany, I, 1-2 ; II, 3

"On those who dwelt in a land of shadow and of death a great light has shone"

You have manifested yourself to the world today, my Lord, and your light has appeared to us. Therefore, we sing to you before this revelation: You have come and you have manifested yourself, O inaccessible light! (cf. 1Tim 6:16) (...)

In Galilee of the nations, in the country of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, Christ, the great light, has shone, as spoken by the prophet (Is 8:23-9:1); on those who dwelt in darkness a great light has shone, arising from Bethlehem. The Lord born of Mary, the Sun of Justice, spreads his rays over the whole universe (Mal 3:20). Let us who are naked, sons of Adam, let us come, let us put him on and warm ourselves. It is to clothe the naked, to enlighten those who are in darkness that you have manifested yourself, O light inaccessible.

God has not despised the one who, by means of a trick, had been stripped of his clothing in Paradise and lost the robe woven by God's own hands. He comes back to him and calls with his holy voice to the one who disobeyed him: "Adam, where are you? (Gn 3:9). Hide from me no more. However, naked, however poor you are, I want to see you. Fear not; I have made myself like you. You wanted to become god (Gn 3:5) and were not able. Now, because I wanted to, I have become flesh. Come

close, then; acknowledge me and say: You have come, you have manifested yourself, O light inaccessible" (...)

Sing, sing, O Adam; worship him who is coming to you. While you were drawing away he manifested himself to you so as to be seen, touched, be welcomed. The one you were afraid of after you had been deceived by the devil has made himself like you for your sake. He has come down to earth to take you to heaven; he has become mortal that you might become God and regain your first beauty. Desiring to open to you the gates of Eden, he dwelt in Nazareth. For all this, sing, O man, sing and praise him who has manifested himself and has illumined all the world.

PRAY
for
PEACE

APPEAL OF THE HIERARCHY OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE
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As Christians, on the Feast of the Theophany, we continue to celebrate and welcome the Emmanuel—“God is with us,” the Prince of Peace, “the Beloved Son of the Father” who calls us all to be His sisters and brothers in the Father’s house. But as a nation, today, we witness an appalling assault on the central seat and process of American democracy which must stop.

Criminal trespassing, menacing break-in, and the intimidation of senators and members of Congress is unconscionable.

Any use of Jesus' name to justify this violent behavior and chaos is a travesty of the Gospel.

There is nothing Christian about it.

Americans bear a great responsibility for the future of democracy in the world.

American leaders, first of all the President of the United States, must do everything in their power to reestablish peace and the rule of law.

There is much injustice in our land. There is much anger.

No injustice will be remedied by violence.

I ask all of our priests, religious, and faithful to pray for the future of our country, to call for repentance, to witness to the integrity of the Gospel of our Lord, and begin the difficult work of rebuilding the unity of America.

We are called to help all people hear and believe the fundamental truth of Theophany— that each person is a "beloved son or daughter of the Father."

We have a long road ahead of us. Let us return to a motto of the founders of our country:

"In God we trust."

- + **Borys Gudziak**, Metropolitan and Archbishop of Philadelphia
 - + **Paul Chomnycky**, Bishop of Stamford
 - + **Benedict**, Bishop of St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago
 - + **Bohdan Danylo**, Bishop of St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma
 - + **Andriy Rabyi**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Philadelphia Archeparchy
- Theophany, January 6, 2021 5:30pm





Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your
light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Master, let me not seek as much

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love,

for it is in giving that one receives,

it is in self-forgetting that one finds,

it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,

it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

1 JOHN 4:19

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