

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church**  
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**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Forefeast of Theophany

***Christ is Born!***

***Glorify Him!***

Sun...**January 3...**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – NO COFFEE HOUR

Sat...January 9 – NO VESPERS

Sun...January 10...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water – NO COFFEE HOUR

Sat... January 16– NO VESPERS

Sun... January 17... Divine Liturgy and Parastas – NO COFFEE HOUR

**Prayer List: HEAVENLY FATHER ... Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent your only begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit us and heal us, Your servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Son Jesus Christ; grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. You are the source of healing and to You, we give glory; to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, Peter Holoviak, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, Nancy Lorchak, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Britney Miller, Courtney Miller, Isaac Miller, Margaret Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Joseph Tosca, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York.

**January Birthdays:** 2- Tommy Shanosky, 3- Allysa Vavra, 7- Ted Bogosh (96), 10-Helen Yurchak (95), 13- Dr. Ronald Berezniak, 21- Helen Sheers

**January Wedding Anniversaries:** 9- Wash & Helen King, 23- Russell & Geri King.

If anyone is in need of a priest please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772. Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles (January 3):

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Helen Scheese** offered by Martha Teno

Altar Candles... In memory of **Lillian Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **sister-in-law, Theresa Wyshosky** offered by Julia Forte

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of **Mary & Andrew Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...For the health of **Ted Bogosh** offered by Terri Bogosh & Gloria Bench

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**Many, Many Thanks to V. Rev. Father James Weremedic,  
the Church Council, and the Church Family for the visit,  
gifts, cards, prayers, serenade and the Gromata.**

**Thank you all – Stephanie Chmel**

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**FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**





## **"OUT OF EGYPT I HAVE CALLED MY SON"**

**T**he early years of our Saviour's earthly life were perilous ones, for not everyone rejoiced at the birth of the new-born King. The Gospel of St. Matthew chronicles the adverse reaction that Herod had to the news of the coming of the Messiah that the Wise Men brought to him. The Magi disobeyed his devious request to ". . . . bring back word of Him to me so that I may go and worship Him also." Joseph, warned in a dream that Herod sought to destroy the young Child, fled with his family to Egypt in the dead of night.

The Gospel narratives tell us nothing else about the period that Joseph, Mary and the Christ-Child spent in Egypt. Even the exact location where they settled remains a mystery to us. We can surmise, however, that the journey there must have been a long, arduous one, for even the extreme border of this vast country was nearly 100 miles from Bethlehem. It is, indeed, ironic that this frightened Hebrew family found safety and solace in the land where their ancestors had been forced into slavery centuries before!

It is probable that Joseph, Mary and Jesus did not remain in Egypt for long. After the death of Herod, Joseph again was instructed by an angel of the Lord to "Arise, and take the young Child and His Mother and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought His life are now dead." Afraid to return to Judea, Joseph took his family to the northern province of Galilee, settling in the small town of Nazareth. It was in this obscure village that Jesus, according to the Gospel of St. Luke, "grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom."

30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Forefeast of the Theophany. Sunday before Theophany. Holy Prophet Malachi. Martyr Gordius at Cæsarea in Cappadocia. Ven. Genevieve of Paris.

### ForeFeast of the Theophany

The second day of the Forefeast of Theophany falls on January 3. Today's hymns invite us to go in spirit to the Jordan River where the Creator comes to be baptized. He is the Light which shines in the darkness (John 1:5), and today He begins to overcome that darkness.

#### Troparion — Tone 4

Prepare, O Zebulon, / and adorn yourself, O Naphtali; / River Jordan, cease flowing / and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized. / Adam, rejoice with our First Mother / and do not hide yourself as you did of old in Paradise; / for having seen you naked, / He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. / Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

#### Kontakion — Tone 4

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: / "Do not be afraid to baptize me. / For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

### 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (*Epistle, Sunday Before*)

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.

### Mark 1:1-8 (*Gospel, Sunday Before*)

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."



## Holy Prophet Malachi

The Holy Prophet Malachi lived 400 years before the Birth of Christ, at the time of the return of the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity. Malachi was the last of the Old Testament prophets, therefore the holy Fathers call him “the seal of the prophets.”

Manifesting himself an image of spiritual goodness and piety, he astounded the nation and was called Malachi, i.e., an angel. His prophetic book is included in the Canon of the Old Testament. In it he upbraids the Jews, foretelling the coming of Jesus Christ and His Forerunner, and also the Last Judgment (Mal 3:1-5; 4:1-6).

## Venerable Genevieve of Paris

Saint Genevieve was born of wealthy parents in Gaul (modern France) in the village of Nanterre, near Paris, around 422. Her father’s name was Severus, and her mother was called Gerontia. According to the custom of the time, she often tended her father’s flocks on Mt. Valerien. When she was about seven years old, Saint Germanus of Auxerre (July 31) noticed her as he was passing through Nanterre. The bishop kissed her on the head and told her parents that she would become great in the sight of God, and would lead many to salvation. After Genevieve told him that she wished to dedicate herself to Christ, he gave her a brass medal with the image of the Cross upon it. She promised to wear it around her neck, and to avoid wearing any other ornaments around her neck or on her fingers.

When it was reported that Attila the Hun was approaching Paris, Genevieve and the other nuns prayed and fasted, entreating God to spare the city. Suddenly, the barbarians turned away from Paris and went off in another direction.

Years later, when she was fifteen, Genevieve was taken to Paris to enter the monastic life. Through fasting, vigil and prayer, she progressed in monasticism, and received from God the gifts of clairvoyance and of working miracles. Gradually, the people of Paris and the surrounding area regarded Genevieve as a holy vessel (2 Tim. 2:21).

Saint Genevieve considered the Saturday night Vigil service to be very important, since it symbolizes how our whole life should be. “We must keep vigil in prayer and fasting so that the Lord will find us ready when He comes,” she said. She was on her way to church with her nuns one stormy Saturday night when the wind blew out her lantern. The nuns could not find their way without a light, since it was dark and stormy, and the road was rough and muddy. Saint Genevieve made the Sign of the Cross over the lantern, and the candle within was lit with a bright flame. In this manner they were able to make their way to the church for the service.

There is a tradition that the church which Saint Genevieve suggested that King Clovis build in honor of Saints Peter and Paul became her own resting place when she fell asleep in the Lord around 512 at the age of eighty-nine. Her holy relics were later transferred to the church of Saint Etienne du Mont in Paris. Most of her relics, and those of other saints, were destroyed during the French Revolution. In the Middle Ages, Saint Genevieve was regarded as the patron saint of wine makers.