



Saturday, January 10, 2021

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

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Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

**31st Sunday after Pentecost / Afterfeast of the Theophany
Sunday after Theophany / St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**

JANUARY Bulletin Sponsor:

By Father Andrew, In memory of my father, George

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, January 10

9:05 am Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Altar Linens changed

Wednesday, January 13

Noon: Akathist to St. Theophan the Recluse

Thursday, January 14

6:00 pm: Council Meeting by Zoom

Saturday, January 16

No Great Vespers

Sunday, January 17

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Memorial Sunday

(NOTE): You must let Fr. Andrew know if you
want to attend any service. Please arrive 15
minutes prior to any service.

LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 2021

Thursday, Dec. 31: 9 attended the Vespers for
the Feast Day & the Molebian of Thanksgiving

Friday, Jan. 1: 6 attended Liturgy

Saturday, Jan 2: 8 attended Vespers

Sunday, Jan. 3: 15 attended Liturgy (2 were
guests); 12 received Communion

Monday, Jan. 4: 7 attended Liturgy for Fr.
Andrew's father, George

Tuesday, Jan. 5 am : 7 attended Royal Hours &
Vesperal Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, Jan. 5 pm: 13 attended Vigil & Great
Blessing of Water

Wednesday, Jan. 6: 8 attended Liturgy & 8
received Communion



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Holy Assumption
Church will be held Sunday, January, 24 imme-
diately following the Divine Liturgy.

This year due to Covid-19 we will be holding
the meeting in the church. You must make a
reservation to attend.

We have 24 members in good standing. A
quorum is 13.

This year we will be holding a vote on amend-
ing the By-law on council members.

Only members in good standing can voice their
opinion and vote. Please plan to attend this very
special meeting.



JANUARY, 2021: OTHER INCOME Goal for the month in this category: \$2,670

Sunday, Jan. 3: \$10 candles; \$80 Vigils; \$100
Donations; \$25 Candles on the Tomb; \$260
Holy Day Collections; \$50 Bulletin

Week Total: \$525

JANUARY 2021: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825

Sunday, Jan. 3: \$1,055

Former Diocesan Archpriest Rodion Pfeiffer

Archpriest Rodion Pfeiffer fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, January 3, 2021, at approximately 6:00 PM in Phoenix, AZ. He was born on December 7, 1945, in Cleveland, OH, to the late Ann Ulicki Pfeiffer. He was baptized at Saint Theodosius in Cleveland by Father Jason Kappanadze.

He graduated from Parma High School in 1964. After working for a few years, he attended Christ the Savior Seminary and in 1974 graduated from Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. He married Mary Ann Hulypa of Buffalo, NY, on July 28, 1973. He was ordained to the Holy Deaconate on Pentecost (June 2, 1974) at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago, IL, and ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 16, 1974, at Holy Trinity in Parma, OH, by Archbishop John of Chicago.

After graduation, he faithfully served the following parishes: Holy Assumption in Lublin, WI; Saints Peter and Paul in Buffalo, NY; Saints Cyril and Methodius in Jeannette, PA; Saint Michael's Cathedral in Pittsburgh, PA; Saint John the Baptist in Philipsburg, PA; Saint Nicholas in DuBois, PA; Saints Peter and Paul in Urey, PA; Saints Peter and Paul in Phoenix, AA; and Saint Melania the Younger Orthodox Outreach Center in Phoenix, AA. He retired in 2003 from Saint Melania, an outreach to the local homeless population, due to health reasons.

Father Rodion is survived by his wife Matushka Mary Ann, son Subdeacon Rodion and Heather Elizabeth Pfeiffer, and daughter Juliane Pfeiffer.

JANUARY CANDLE & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- Bulletin:** (\$50) From Fr. Andrew - in memory of his dad, George
Chandelier: (\$50) From Valerie S.- In memory of her mom, Violet Bargdill
Altar Candles: (\$50) Peter & Judy - In memory of Peter's father & uncles, Peter James, Robert & Michael
Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Fr. Andrew - In memory of his God-mother, Helen
Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Open

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

- Jan 3:** Luba Johnson / His Eminence, Archbishop David from Alaska
Jan. 17: Adam Borrer / Marylin Luska
Jan. 24: Gene Warren
Feb. 7: Methodist Pastor from TX / Archpriest Rodion

CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND

Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish

VIGILS - JANUARY 3, 2021

Laura Kovach (4): Safe travel for friends; For health and healing of Joe, Julia, Andrea, Wendy, Mark, Dana, Bodhi, Cheryl, Jim, Wayne, David, JC, and Tony; God's healing to everyone suffering from the coronavirus especially Betty, Paul, Megan, Fr. Emil, Karla, and George; Special intentions.

Sandy Martin (1): Special intentions.

Twarek (8): Safe travel for Jim & Laura; Birthday blessings to Carol Anne 12/28; Health and recovery of JC Geisman following surgery on Christmas Eve; Health and recovery of Father Emil, Betty Kovach and Tony Monastra; God's blessing to Cole; Health of Jewel; Natalie and Morgan and their unborn babies; God's blessings and good health to Ezra Bottoms; Health and recovery of Jim, Cheryl and Laura; Health of Matt, Wayne, Tom, Ron, Mary, Loren, Joe, Sonya, David, Julia, Tom, Jason, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Liz, Diane, Stella, Jake, Helen.

TENTATIVE READERS

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| Sunday, Jan 10 | Tim |
| Sunday, Jan 17 | Natalie |
| Sunday, Jan 24 | Terri |
| Sunday, Jan 31 | Tim |

PRAYER LIST Updated 1-7

HIERARCHS: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman

CLERGY: John Duranko (Father's home pastor), James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father), Moses Barry, James Doyle, Joseph Gibson, Gregory Grivna, David Hanes, Emilian Hutnyan, Joseph Von Klarr, Vladimir Lecko, Myron Manzuk, Christopher Phillips, Peter Tutko, John Zabinko / Deacon Paul Gansle

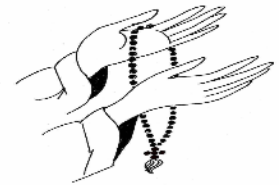
MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko, Virginia Lecko, Maura McCarty, Snezana Ruzic, Sonya Tutko, Margaret Zabinko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: Jonah Adamcio / John Beadle (Elchisco), Trisha (Cassell Daughter), Maryann Cook (cousin to Twarek), John Richard Elchisco, Michael Glovinsky, Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky), Ben Grosik (Hritsko cousin), Judy Hritsko, Julia Guzy, Joseph Habegger (brother-in-law Kovach), Ellie Hritsko (Aunt) Charisee (Hileman), Kris Kollar (Fr.'s cousin), Betty Kovach (Jim's mother), Terri Lariccia (Fr's cousin), David LaValle (Fr's cousin), Helen Lis (fr David's mom), Child Stephanos (Loizos), Jim Mazur, Child Stella Miller (Elchisco), Katelyn Pipenur (Hileman niece), Earl Rindfleisch (Tina's dad), Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco), Joe Rose, Ron Royhab, Maryann Royhab, Patricia Schritzing (Christi's mom), Steven Schirtzinger (Christi's brother), Christy Schutt (Joe's sister), Dacia Snider (Hileman), Christi Soski, Doris Toth (Hritsko cousin) Peter Truta (Jean's cousin), Diane Tryon, Greg Tyron, Tom Twarek, the child Bodhi (Grandson Cassell),

OTHER REQUESTS: Mark Britton (Hritsko), Ernest Cornwell (Hritsko), James Crane (Hritsko), Baby Finn (Cassell), Child Ezra Bottoms, Bredan (Child from Norwalk), Marge Dziama Fr's Dziama's daughter; (former pastor), Mary Dziak (Twarek); Ruthe Flewelling, (Former parishioner), Ben Franklin (Kovach), James Geisman (Twarek), Theodore Geletka (Choir director St. Michael's Broadview Heights), Donald Gresh (Glovinsky), Elliot Joy (Former Police chief's son), Andrea Joy (Kovach), Ann Marie Krynock (Timko), Meinda Kuzara (Archbishop's list), Jake Lipstraw (Twarek), Mark Ludvik (Guzy), Mark Masica (Kovach), Pauline Meath (Fr's friend), Karen Muzyka (Fr's friend), Charlie Nowak (Twarek), Rod (Cassell), Sandy Scafaria (Hileman), Bob Snyder (Twarek), Gary Steyer (Twarek), Janice Timko, Philip Andy Timko, George Timko, Cheryl Wieber (Twarek), Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek), Loren Welch (Fr's friend)

MILITARY: Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy,

CAPTIVES: Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo), Archbishop John Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo, The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and



BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125th Anniversary is coming!

Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items.

Please consider contributing generously to the *Building/Restoration Fund.*

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (97)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440

Diane Tryon
109 Joslyn Street
Arcadia, OH 44804
Please remember our shut-ins,
especially now during this
National crisis.

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa Commemorated on [January 10](#)

Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, was a younger brother of Saint Basil the Great (January 1). His birth and upbringing came at a time when the Arian disputes were at their height. Having received an excellent education, he was at one time a teacher of rhetoric. In the year 372, he was consecrated by Saint Basil the Great as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia.

Saint Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy, and he fought against the Arian heresy with his

brother Saint Basil. Gregory was persecuted by the Arians, by whom he was falsely accused of improper use of church property, and thereby deprived of his See and sent to Ancyra.

In the following year Saint Gregory was again deposed in absentia by a council of Arian bishops, but he continued to encourage his flock in Orthodoxy, wandering about from place to place. After the death of the emperor Valens (378), Saint Gregory was restored to his cathedra and was joyously received by his flock. His brother Saint Basil the Great died in 379.

Only with difficulty did Saint Gregory survive the loss of his brother and guide. He delivered a funeral oration for him, and completed Saint Basil's study of the six days of Creation, the Hexaemeron. That same year Saint Gregory participated in the Council of Antioch against heretics who refused to recognize the perpetual virginity of the Mother of God. Others at the opposite extreme, who worshipped the Mother of God as being God Herself, were also denounced by the Council. He visited the churches of Arabia and Palestine, which were infected with the Arian heresy, to assert the Orthodox teaching about the Most Holy Theotokos. On his return journey Saint Gregory visited Jerusalem and the Holy Places.

In the year 381 Saint Gregory was one of the chief figures of the Second Ecumenical Council, convened at Constantinople against the heresy of Macedonius, who incorrectly taught about the Holy Spirit. At this Council, on the initiative of Saint Gregory, the Nicene Symbol of Faith (the Creed) was completed. Together with the other bishops Saint Gregory affirmed Saint Gregory the Theologian as Archpastor of Constantinople.

In the year 383, Saint Gregory of Nyssa participated in a Council at Constantinople, where he preached a sermon on the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. In 386, he was again at Constantinople, and he was asked to speak the funeral oration in memory of the empress Placilla. Again in 394 Saint Gregory was present in Constantinople at a local Council, convened to resolve church matters in Arabia. Saint Gregory of Nyssa was a fiery defender of Orthodox dogmas and a zealous teacher of his flock, a kind and compassionate father to his spiritual children, **Con't Page 6**

JANUARY Celebrations

Anniversary	Birthday	
11- Missy & Andy Schlotterer 1-24-2015: Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa 26- Fr. James Gleason - Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood <p style="text-align: center;">Namesday</p> 1-2: Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai	1-Jim Kovach 3- Samuel Koren 4- John Starcher 7- Susan Guzy 7- Lueleta Dardovski 8-Fr Silouan Rolando 8- Mat. Melania Adamcio 8- Barbara Mazurik	11- Toussaint Jones 13- Mary Elizabeth Blackford 14- Lauren Jerome 15- Brent Jones 23- Susan Beskid 25- Frank Batura 30- Stephanie Warnke 30- Bob Whitham Jr. 31- Julie Dardovski

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

† Zoe for Life Prayer Service followed by Special Guest Speaker †

The Saints Constantine and Helen community invites you to join a virtual prayer service and guest speaker presentation on Sunday January 17, 2021. The prayer service will be live streamed from the Sts. Constantine and Helen Youtube channel at 6:00pm and will be led by Fathers Stephen Callos and Alexander Garclavs. Our guest speaker, His Beatitude Tikhon will begin his Zoom presentation at 6:45pm.

This Zoom meeting will be accessible by computer or ANY phone. Please register by going to the National OCA website (oca.org) by providing the name, email, parish, and phone number of each participant. You will be emailed with the link to join the Zoom meeting before the event.

Registration is free but required to receive a Zoom link. If you have any questions or trouble registering, please reach out to Paula Kappos at paulamk@roadrunner.com

Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule: Ss. Peter & Paul, Lorain, OH - January 8th to 10th

JANUARY Reposed

3- Mat. Marilyn Federoff (2019) 3- Larry Naiser (2019) 4- Margaret Reavley (1965) 4- George Bartek (1983) 4- Baby Clyde Madison (2020) 5- Russell (2019) Heidi's relative 5- Donald (2019) Wayne's Relative 5- Maria Semionow (1981) 6- Helen Pender (2016) 8- Bishop Mark of Boston (2018) 11- Anna Tomko (1960) 15- Archpriest Pavel Soucek (2009) Former Pastor 20- Joshua Zdinak (2016) 21- Daniel Kowal (2006) 21- Philip Kobb (2018)	21- Fr. Michael Shuster (2020) 22- Fr. John Stefanik (2000) 23- Helen Beadle (1988) 23- Fr. Michael Sopoliga (2009) 23- Deborah Pribanic (2020) 25- Jane (2019) Ron's Aunt 29- Anna Kravetz (1973) 29- Marjorie Kowal (2003) 29- Ernest Gresh (2020) 29- Rick Schlotterer (2020) 30- Archpriest John Mason (2019) 31- Edward Bartek (1983) Sara Rose (2005) Andrew Matway (1906) William Gratson (1908) Eva Hritsko (1908)
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St. Gregory con't

and their intercessor before the courts. He was distinguished by his magnanimity, patience and love of peace.

Having reached old age, Saint Gregory of Nyssa died soon after the Council of Constantinople. Together with his great contemporaries, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian, Saint Gregory of Nyssa had a significant influence on the Church life of his time. His sister, Saint Macrina, wrote to him: "You are renowned both in the cities, and gatherings of people, and throughout entire districts. Churches ask you for help." Saint Gregory is known in history as one of the most profound Christian thinkers of the fourth century. Endowed with philosophical talent, he saw philosophy as a means for a deeper penetration into the authentic meaning of divine revelation.

Saint Gregory left behind many remarkable works of dogmatic character, as well as sermons and discourses. He has been called "the Father of Fathers."

Why did Jesus need to be baptized?

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

The baptism of our Lord can be hard to understand sometimes. John initially balked at Jesus' request to be baptized by him. But Christ said to do so to "fulfill all righteousness." What does our Lord mean by this? People came to John to be baptized and confessed their sins as they did so. What sins did Jesus need to confess? Since we believe Jesus to be without sin, the answer is He had no sins to confess.

Some Church Fathers say Jesus requested baptism to set an example. In other words "don't ask others to do what you are not willing to do yourself." That makes some sense. But this doesn't answer the question; "Why did Jesus, who was sinless, request baptism that was meant for people who confessed their sins?"

We need to answer this question on two levels. First we need to look at the Baptism of John as being

different from the Lord's Baptism after He entered and emerged from the waters. John's baptism didn't effect any changes in the person who was being baptized. John's baptism put people in a state of readiness. It started people on the track of learning to repent by confessing their sins. But there was nothing in the waters that effectively changed anything in the person. It simply was a way of acknowledging that something wasn't right in a person's life. People remained in the same state of sin with no deliverance. St. Gregory Palamas gives us a wonderful word to help us understand the difference in the waters after the Lord is baptized; something changes in those waters that show how necessary our Lord's baptism is:

Water is a means of cleansing, but not for souls. It can remove dirt from those being baptized, but not the grime that comes from sin. For that reason the Healer of our souls, the Father of spirits (Hebrews 12:9), Christ, who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29), enters the water before us to be baptized, as we celebrate today in advance. He draws the grace of the all-holy Spirit from above to dwell in the water with Him, so that later when those being baptized as He was, enter the water, He is there, clothing them ineffably with His Spirit, attaching Himself to them, and filling them with the grace that purifies and illumines reasonable spirits. And this is what the divine Paul is referring to: "As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:27)

One of the Old Testament readings for Theophany is from account of the bitter waters of Marah. People could not drink from the waters of Marah because they were bitter. God reveals a tree to Moses, who then throws it into the waters thus making the waters of Marah sweet and drinkable. (Read Exodus 15:22-16:1) This tree is a type pointing beyond itself to the Cross of our Lord. What does the priest do with the Cross at the Great Blessing of Water? He plunges it into the water as he sings the Theophany Troparion. So when we are now baptized in the Church, our Lord is there meeting us in those waters and "attaching himself to us." We have "put on Christ." That could only have happened after John first baptized our Lord. Please take sometime to discuss this as a family. May you all celebrate the Feast of God's manifestation with great joy and gratitude.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you, Archbishop Paul