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Bulletin for January 8-21, 2017

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

SUN	1/8/2017	SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Walko Family (Perpetual) & +John Sekerak (Perpetual)</i>
SAT	1/14/2017	
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>++Soroka Family (Perpetual)</i>
SUN	1/15/2017	30TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TONE 5
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +Peter & +Helen Gula (Perpetual)</i> Junior ACRY Meeting
	1:00 PM	Blessing of the Shenango River in Downtown Sharon
MON	1/16/2017	
	6:00 PM	January Board Meeting
SUN	1/22/2017	31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; TONE 6
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: ++Mudrey Family (Perpetual); Vudmaska Family (Perpetual)</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Theophany Blessing of the Shenango River** will be on Sunday, January 15th at 1:00 PM in downtown Sharon (97 Penn Ave.; the corner of Penn Ave. and East Silver St.) Parking is available on site. Service will last approximately 15-20 minutes. Open House and Refreshments following the blessing at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 389 Clark Street, Sharon. Be brave, bundle up, and ask God's blessing on the river and our whole region.

¶ **Stewardship 2017:** We thank all who have pledged to date! As of the writing of this bulletin, we have received 60 pledge cards back. This is fewer than the 90 we received for our initial Stewardship Drive in 2016.

It's not too late to submit your pledge for 2017! A pledge card isn't just a piece of paper—it is a sign of your ongoing full and active participation in the life of Saint John's. It is your way of saying "Yes, Saint John's is my parish home!" Prayerfully consider your support of Saint John's and submit your pledge card in the receptacle in the vestibule.

¶ **Installation of 2017 Church Board Officers** will be on Sunday, January 29th at the Divine Liturgy.

¶ **2017 Annual Parish Meeting** will be on Sunday, January 29th, 2017 after Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing, who have met their spiritual and material obligations (i.e. have—at a minimum—participated in the sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion within the past year, and are financially supporting the parish) are encouraged to attend.

¶ **No Church School Classes** on 1/29/17.

¶ **Schwans Fundraiser:** Through Schwans-Cares.com, you can order from Schwan's Home Delivery and help our church! When you order, 5% of sales go to Saint John's! Order online at schwans-cares.com/c/30390 and click "Shop to Give." Or order by phone by calling 1-855-870-7208 and provide our ID 30390.

¶ **Calling all youth! Junior ACRY Meeting** on Sunday, January 15th following classes.

You are Invited to the
PARISHIONER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST
on Sunday, January 29, 2017 following Divine Liturgy
(Catered by Guy Gibbs Catering)

Throughout the year, we always say "thank you" to our parishioners, but we want to take the opportunity to gather for a meal as a community and show our thanks for your hard work and dedication over the past year.

HOUSE BLESSINGS 2017

Notes from Fr. David

House Blessings began on January 6th. **Rather than having individual forms to fill out, there is a "master schedule" in the hall, listing days and times I will be in different areas.** Just add your name to the schedule in a given time-slot.

I am always happy to sit and visit, but one request: **no food or snacks!** I appreciate the show of hospitality, but food and beverages are not necessary.

Please call me (724-813-3172) if you have any questions about scheduling a house blessing. Additional house blessings will be scheduled after January 23rd.

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP

by Dan Hromyak

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share **all** of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb." - Isaiah 49:5

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

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BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 13 Melinda Ristvey
- Jan. 15 Michelle McMahon
Nicole Sayers
- Jan. 16 Anne Chuba
- Jan. 19 Helen Jaeger
- Jan. 20 Margaret Tatusko
Geri Tulip

**MEN TO
HOLD CANDLES**

Sunday, January 15th

- Tom Patrick
- Dan Ristvey
- Joel Ristvey
- Matt Ristvey
- Michael Ristvey

Sunday, January 22nd

- Tom Ristvey
- Peter Roman
- Steve Saluga
- Milan Shumkaroff
- Ed Slovesko

ANNIVERSARIES

January 15th

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Chuba

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tatusko

