

— SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 5-18, 2025 —

- SUN 1/5/2025**
9:00 AM **EVE OF THEOPHANY — STRICT FAST DAY: NO MEAT OR DAIRY**
Divine Liturgy, Great Blessing of Water, Refreshments & Vespers
- Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of January 5-11, 2025*
WALKO, John Sr., Mary, John Jr., Ann, Patricia, George, Joseph, Ruth
SEKERAK, John
- MON 1/6/2025**
9:00 AM **THEOPHANY — THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
- TUES 1/7/2025**
9:00 AM **SECOND DAY OF THEOPHANY — ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
Divine Liturgy
With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
- SUN 1/12/2025**
9:00 AM **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY — TONE 4**
Divine Liturgy
- Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of January 12-18, 2025*
CHUPAK, Julie
GULA, Peter & Helen
- MON 1/13/2025**
6:00 PM January Board Meeting
- TUES 1/14/2025**
9:00 AM *Leavetaking of Theophany*
Martyred Fathers of Sinai & Raithu (whose Relics are in our Altar)
Divine Liturgy
With Weekly Perpetual Commemorations
- WED 1/15/2025**
6:00 PM Moleben to Our Lord Jesus Christ
With Prayers for the Living/Sick
- SUN 1/19/2025**
9:00 AM **30TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — TONE 5**
Divine Liturgy
Youth Lesson After Liturgy
- Perpetual Commemorations for the Week of January 19-25, 2025*
SOROKA FAMILY: John Sr., Suzanna, John Jr, Michael, Irene, Mary, Ray, John & Ann Walko, John R. Hynes, Bob Couch, Margaret Hosick and Stan Hosick, Susan Walko, Mary, Helen Couch, Barbara Nunez
MUDREY, John, Paraska, Marjorie, Joseph, Ann, Donald, Eric, John, Mary, Michael, Elva

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

Our 2025 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING and Installation of Church Board will take place on Sunday, January 26, 2025. All parishioners in good standing (*which includes both reception of Confession and Communion no less than once a year, and financial support of the parish*) are asked to attend. We look forward to your participation in this important annual meeting!

■ House Blessings Begin January 6, 2025

Starting on the holyday of Theophany, Fr. David will be available to bless homes with the newly-sanctified water. As usual, house blessings will be *by request only*. An online form is available on our website stjohnacroc.org, and hard-copy forms are available in the hall for those who don't use computers. Fr. David will communicate with you directly to set up a day and time—he will not simply show up. *This is a wonderful tradition and a great way to begin the year with faith in Christ!*

■ 2025 Traveling Icon Sign-Up Now Available

Each week, we ask one household in our parish to take this special icon home and offer daily prayers for our parish and community. Stop by the Information Table in the Hall to add your name to the list!

■ Praying for the Living on January 15, 2025

We will offer a *Molében* (Prayer Service) to Our Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, January 15 at 6:00 PM. Prayers for the health and salvation of the living will be offered. At the start of this new year, please fill out a NEW prayer list. Copies are available in the vestibule. *Please do not use nicknames or include last names!*

■ Liturgy “For Life” on January 24, 2025

As in past years, we will offer a service to bring special attention to the sanctity of human life in the womb and to pray for an end to the sin of abortion in conjunction with the “March for Life” in Washington DC. This year, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM on Friday, January 24, 2025.

STEWARDSHIP

From Dan Hromyak

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' - Luke 3:16

Orthodox teachings states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Orthodox there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus - the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." - 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

—2025 Stewardship Update—

As of the printing of this bulletin, we have received **49** pledge cards for a total pledged amount of **\$73,510**.

Thank you for your generosity!

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Happy Birthday!

Gary Yonchak January 7
Melinda Ristvey January 13
Michelle McMahon January 15
Annette Houk January 18

Happy Anniversary!

Chuba, Edward & Kathleen January 15

*God Grant You
Many, Blessed
Years!*

■ Our Sponsors ■

January 5, 2025

Altar Flowers

*In Loving Memory of +Esther Chupak
from Jennifer & Ken Wansack*

Candelabrum

*In Memory of +Julie Chupak on Her Birthday,
by Bob and Lorraine Amos*

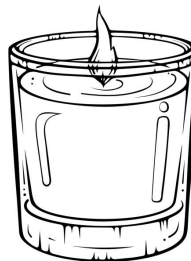
Eternal Lamp

*In Memory of +Stephen & +Mildred Repasky
& Family by Katie Hartley & Family*

January 12, 2025

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Schedule of Men to Hold Candles During the Gospel

January 5
Randy Martin
Paul McMahon
Robert Miller
John Moon
Dan Ristvey

January 12
Joel Ristvey
Matt Ristvey
Tom Ristvey
Thomas Ristvey
Steve Saluga

January 19
Milan Shumkaroff
Gino Tofani
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak