

**January 10, 2010 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6. Sunday after Theophany.** St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (4<sup>th</sup> c.). St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene (601). St. Marcian, Presbyter of Constantinople (5<sup>th</sup> c.). Ven. Paul, Abbott of Obnora (1429). Ven. Macarius, Abbott of Pisma (14<sup>th</sup> c.). Bl. Theosebia the Deaconness, sister of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa (385). Ven. Antipas the Athonite (1882). St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov (1894). **Epistle:** Eph. 4:7-13. **Gospel:** Matt. 4:12-17.

**Next Sunday, Jan. 17 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday of Zacchaeus – Tone 7. Epistle:** 1 Tim. 4:9-15. **Gospel:** Luke 19:1-10.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Jan. 10, 2010)**

**TODAY**

**11:15 PM Coffee Hour and Church School**

**TUESDAY**

**6:00 PM Vespers**  
**6:30 PM Parish Council**

**WEDNESDAY**

**9:30 AM Divine Liturgy:** reading from Prologue  
**11:00 AM Reading Group** (at Borders Café)

**THURSDAY**

**6:30 AM Matins**

**FRIDAY**

**4-7:00 PM Fish Dinner**

**SATURDAY**

**6:00 PM Great Vespers**

**SUNDAY (Jan. 17)**

**9:30 AM Divine Liturgy:** Sun. of Zacchaeus  
**11:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class**

**HOUSE BLESSINGS 2010**

House Blessings for parish households will begin the afternoon of January 7, 2010. Fr. Jonathan will stop in homes in specific areas of town according to the following approximate dates:

- NE Warren ..... January 7-11
- SE Warren/Niles ..... January 12-15
- SW Warren/Austintown/Canfield January 16-20
- NW Warren/Champion ..... January 21-25
- Cortland ..... January 26-30
- Howland/east to Sharon ..... February 1-6

Please notify Fr. Jonathan to schedule your House Blessing at a specific time when you know you and your family will be home together. Fr. Jonathan will try to call from the cell phone prior to his visit, even if he's only a few minutes away. If your phone number has changed, please let Fr. Jonathan know ASAP to update that information.



**FISH DINNERS RESUME**

**Beginning this Friday, January 15, 2010**  
**The public has been eagerly waiting.**

**SCHEDULE FOR THIS SEASON:**

**Jan. 15 & 29; Feb. 12 & 26;**  
**March 12 & 26; April 16 & 30; May 14**

See Denise Higgins, Paul Kapp, or Carol Nicholl for more information or opportunities to serve.

*The Friend of the Bridegroom*

"He Must Increase and I Must Decrease" (John 3:29-30)

**St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church**  
**Orthodox Church in America**

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Saturday: Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday: Liturgy at 9:30 AM  
Feast Day Liturgy – 9:30 AM Sunday School (after Liturgy)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**01-03-10: 90** (attendance); **\$2,595.00** (collection).  
**01-10-10: candle commemorations – Theotokos:** blessed memory of Steven and Pauline Yurtin; **Altar:** blessed memory of Mary D'alesandro; **Christ:** -----.

**Please Pray for:**

**Living: Vera** (Campbell, at home); **Linda** (Keriotis); **Chariessa** (Stitchik, sister of Mark Malacky); **Lillian** (Motil, cousin of Pauline Struble); **Charles & Ed** (co-workers of Diane Cholcher); **Kerya** (Brisbine); **Melanie** (Smith, cousin of Vera Campbell); **Aaron** (Meterko); **Helen** (Stan); **Maryann** (Lalli) & **Craig** (Parana, friends of the DiGiacobbes); **Raymond** (Flannery); **Linda** (Cuckovich); **Mary** (Ferko; at rehab in Austintown following surgery).

**Departed: Archbishop Job** (d. 12/18/09); **Linda** (Keriotis; d. 1/5/10).

**This Month's Charity – January 2010:**

*[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]*

**Monastery of St. John the Theologian (in Hiram, OH)**

**COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- Jan. 15** Fish Dinner
- Jan. 18** Altar Servers Rally at St. Michael's in Broadview Heights, OH
- Jan. 19** Sisterhood Luncheon (at Leo's)
- Feb. 2** Feast of the Meeting of Christ in the Temple
- Feb. 7** Sisterhood Sweetheart Dinner (at Church, following Liturgy)
- Feb. 15** Great Lent begins



**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

**1) Church (Sunday) School & Bible Class:**

for all ages, following Divine Liturgy – adults are studying the Divine Liturgy.

**2) Path to Salvation Class:**

Tuesdays following Vespers (about 6:30 PM) – currently studying the Life and Feasts of the Theotokos;

**3) Classic Literature Reading Group:**

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM, at Borders Café (near the Eastwood Mall) – currently reading *The Odyssey*, by Homer; engaging the culture with the Faith!

**4) St. John's Society (for teens):**

most Sundays at 6:00 PM, for fellowship, mutual education, service, and encouragement!

+ Our **annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Sunday, **February 21, 2010**. At that meeting we will review events of the past year, adopt a fiscal budget for 2010, and consider the work God has placed before us for the coming year and beyond.

+ **Compact Disc of Christmas Music** – St. John's Choir recorded Christmas music which will be available on a compact disc. If you would like a copy of the CD, speak with our Choir Director, Vadim Stehnach, to reserve one.

+ **Charity of the month, January, 2010: the Monastery of St. John the Theologian in Hiram, Ohio.** Please continue to give as you are able to our charity of the month using the Charity envelope in your envelope packet and after Liturgy in the basket collections.

+ **Holy Resurrection Church** (on North Road) is hosting a luncheon on **January 24** beginning at 12:15 PM. The menu will include pork steak and sausage, mamaliga, etc. All are invited to attend.

+ **ALTAR SERVERS' RALLY – Monday, January 18, 2010, at St. Michael's Church (Broadview Heights, Ohio):**

- All Altar Servers are encouraged to attend!
- Sponsored by the Cleveland Deanery.
- For further details, contact Fr. Jonathan, who is also the coordinator for the event.

+ **PROJECT MEXICO TRIP:**

St. Nicholas Church in Mentor, Ohio, is sponsoring a team for Project Mexico this coming summer, June 22-29, 2010. *Space is available for four or five additional persons to join them on the trip, High School age or older.* This is an excellent opportunity for some of our young people to engage in mission work as the team will visit St. Innocent Orphanage and build a home for a family in the Tijuana, Mexico, area (south of San Diego, CA). See Fr. Jonathan for more details.

+ **Orthodox Christians for Life** is chartering a bus for the 2010 March for Life in Washington D.C.. The bus of Orthodox Christians from the Youngstown-Pittsburgh area will leave early on the day of the March - Friday, January 22, 2010 – and return late the same day. If interested in going, see Fr. Jonathan, or contact Jim Tsikouris at 330-519-1122 (jamestsikouris@live.com).

+ **Sisterhood Sweetheart Dinner – February 7:**

Plan to stay after Liturgy on Feb. 7 for our annual Sweetheart Dinner hosted by the Sisterhood. The dinner will include meatloaf and all the trimmings. *[February 7 is Meat-fare Sunday, the last day before the meat-fast until Pascha.]*

+ A nice-size crowd was on hand for the **Blessing of the Mahoning River (Jan. 6)**. Mayor O'Brien attended along with about 30-40 of the Orthodox faithful from our parishes in Warren. The *Tribune Chronicle* was also present to document the event, publishing a photo of the Blessing on the front of its January 7 edition.