

# ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin for Week of January 8-14, 2018

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

**EPISTLE:** Brethren: 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;

*(Ephesians 4:7-13, Sunday After Theophany)*

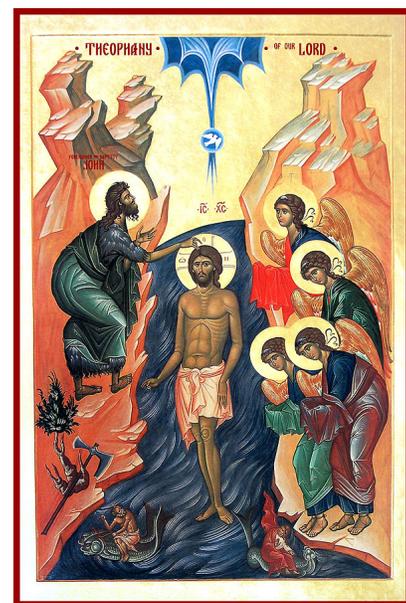
In those days: And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Now the men were about twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. *(Acts 19:1-8, St. John the Baptist)*

**GOSPEL:** At that time: 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." *(Matthew 2:13-23, Sunday After...)*



**HOLY THEOPHANY**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

**TODAY: 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Postfeast of the Theophany. Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Sunday after Theophany.**

*Hours:* Youth

*Greeters:* Murphy/Morozova

*Epistle:* Youth

*Coffee:* Jolevski

*Post-Communion:* Youth

## CHURCH SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY, January 10:** Daily Vespers, 6:30 PM; ADULT FAITH FORUM

**THURSDAY, January 11:** NO Coffee Chat

**SATURDAY, January 13: BACK PROPERTY CLEAN-UP, 8:30 AM**

Russian Confessions, 9:00 AM; Slavonic Liturgy, 10:00 AM

Great Vespers, 5:00 PM; CONFESSIONS; CHOIR REHEARSAL

**SUNDAY, January 14: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM; 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Leavetaking of the Theophany.** St. Sava I, first Archbishop of Serbia. The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu: Isaiah, Sabbas, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others. St. Nina (Nino), Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of the Georgians. St. Joseph Analytinus of Raithu. Ven. Theodulus, son of Ven. Nilus of Sinai. Ven. Stephen, Abbot of Chenolakkos Monastery near Chalcedon.

*Hours:* Bitsko

*Greeters:* McAuley/Stafford

*Epistle:* W. Demko

*Coffee:* Campbell/Chong

*Post-Communion:* Abraham

## CHURCH SCHOOL

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At that time: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." (*John 1:29-34, St. John the Baptist*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MANY YEARS

To the handmaiden of God, *Frances (Susanna) Vanderploeg*, who was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through Holy Baptism and Chrismation this morning. May God bless her with Many Years in service to Christ and His holy Church!

### HOUSE BLESSINGS

House blessings have begun. If you signed up for a blessing, Father will contact you to arrange the day and time. **Please have ready holy water, a small bowl, a candle, an icon and separate lists of living and departed that you wish to have commemorated.**

### CLEAN-UP

At the request of Clark County, we will have a general clean-up of the back end of the property next Saturday morning, January 13, beginning at 8:30 AM. **We need as many hands as possible.** Please bring work gloves, sturdy shoes and a shovel if you have one. As the Slavonic Liturgy is also scheduled then, we ask that everyone coming to help please park in the back of the lot near the clean-up area.

### 2018 WALL CALENDARS

The 2018 Wall Calendars are now available in the bookstore area in the vestibule. The cost this year is \$10.00 per calendar. A basket is available for you to "self-serve" pay.

### HELP STILL NEEDED

We continue our effort to assist the Hoods with their medical expenses. In addition to making a gift by check or card, we have setup a YouCaring Page to allow online donations: <https://www.youcaring.com/viginiaginnyhood-899443>

### REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest Paul (Lazor)	Adrian (Geralt)
Archpriest John (Bruchok)	Michael (Geralt)
Matushka Mary (Perez)	Victoria (Potter)
Veronica (Hood)	Vladimir (Serzhanin)
Michelle (Chong)	Stacy (Kim)
Laura (Draskovic)	Kathryn (Kessler)

Anita (Maresca)  
Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch)  
Marteen (Moore)  
Christine (Sechrist)  
Peter (Jolevski)  
David (Poe)

Micah (Demko)  
Ann (Prochko)  
Monique (Miller)  
Alla (Jascolt)  
Robert (Kuhn)

## The newly-departed Frank

### THE RIVER JORDAN • FR. THOMAS HOPKO

The river Jordan plays a very important role in the Bible. Before it becomes the river in which Jesus the Messiah is baptized, it is revealed as the river which bounds the "promised land." To cross the Jordan, for the people of Israel, was to enter into the fulfillment of the Lord's promises. It was to enter into the "land flowing with milk and honey," the place where God would dwell with His people providing them with the endless blessings of His presence.

In the New Testament, with its spiritual and mystical fulfillment of the Old, to cross the Jordan was to enter into the Kingdom of God, to experience the fulness of the life of the age to come. The fact that Moses was not blessed to cross the Jordan thus became a symbol of the fact that the Law by itself could not save Israel or the world. It had to be Joshua, which literally means *Savior*, and is the Hebrew form of the Greek word *Jesus*, who leads the people across the Jordan and into the promised land, thus symbolizing the saving action of the new Joshua, Jesus the messianic Savior, in the covenant of grace.

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the people of Israel." (*Josh 1:1-2*)

When Joshua came to the Jordan the streams parted at the presence of God's People, with the priests bearing in their hands the Ark of the Covenant. As the waters of the sea parted to allow God's people to pass through as if on dry land at their exodus from Egypt, so also at the entry into the land of promise the river Jordan made way for God's people to pass through into the place of their final destination.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jan 8: James 2:14-26	Mark 9:42-10:1
Jan 9: James 3:1-10	Mark 10:2-12
Jan 10: James 3:11-4:6	Mark 10:11-16
Jan 11: James 4:7-5:6	Mark 10:17-27
Jan 12: 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10	Mark 10:23-32
Jan 13: Ephesians 6:10-17	Matthew 4:1-11

## STEWARDSHIP 2017

Stewardship 12/31:	\$ 3,368.00
Total Income 12/31:	\$ 4,556.50
Weekly income needed:	\$ 4,995.27
2017 INC GOAL (52 wks):	\$ 259,754.00
2017 INC ACTUAL:	\$ 245,044.83
Percentage of Budgeted Income:	94.3%