Sunday After Theophany

Icon of the Theophany
Glory to Jesus Christ! Welcome to Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral. We are delighted you have come to pray with us. Our Church follows the teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospel and passed on to us through the teachings of the Holy Apostles and Holy Tradition.

This Week’s Liturgy Schedule

Sun. 1/7 Sunday after Theophany - Synaxis of John the Baptist p. 316 Tone 6
Gospels: Matthew 4:12-17 & John 1:29-34
Sat. 4:00 PM Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral (Fr. David)
Sun. 9:00 AM +John & Anna Rudo by Joe Rudo (Fr. Diodoro)

Mon. 1/8 Postfestive Day of Theophany- Venerable Father George the Chozebite p. 376
8:00 AM Jennifer Gibbons by Jennifer Gibbons (Fr. Diodoro)

Tue. 1/9 Postfestive Day of Theophany- The Holy Martyr Polyeuct p. 379
8:00 AM Myers-Madish Family by Jennifer Gibbons (Fr. Joe)

Wed. 1/10 Postfestive Day of Theophany - Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa p. 372
8:00 AM +Steve Mindzak by Patti Smith Nixon (Msgr. Kevin)

Thu. 1/11 Postfestive Day of Theophany- Venerable Theodosius No Morning Divine Liturgy

Fri. 1/12 Postfestive Day of Theophany- HolyMartyr Tatiana p. 391
9:00 AM Benefactors by Sr. Christopher OSBM (Bishop Gerald)

Sat. 1/13 Saturday after Theophany- Holy Martyrs Hermylaus & Stratonicus No Morning Divine Liturgy

Sun. 1/14 Thirty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of Zacchaeus Tone 7
(Leave-Taking of Theophany)
Sat. 4:00 PM Parishioners of St. Stephen Cathedral (Fr. Joe)
Sun. 9:00 AM +Dr. Richard & Agnes (Sue) Hill by Marti Grimes (Fr. Diodoro)

Special Intentions: Erwin Armada, Barbara Dugan, Joanie Mahar, Helen Furka, Vincent Rice, McCarthy Family, Gemma Hillman, Marti Lopez, Kathleen Linkowsky, Betty Geletey, Richard Gable, Robert King, Ann Ryan, Chris Faix, Robyn Foy and Elaine Browne, Mark Chapa, Mike Chapa and Iliana Villegas

May the Lord rest His healing hand on His servants and hear their requests: Mary Rabayda, Jane Walsh, Steve Durkit, Dorothy Dumnich, Richard Reese, Chris Balsz, Sr. Christopher, OSBM, Dorothy Bezeredi, Carlene Eneroth, Fred Way, Sharon White, Nancy Sandrock, Marlene Rolling, Bob Dugan, Cathy Milko, Michael Dougherty, Widad Butty, Clementina Mendoza, Nicholas Stefaniak Sr., Mary Popovich, Anne Peterson, Dan Palaschak, Michael Sherwood, Christina Toth, Liz Kol, Evelyn Sopiak, Deacon Craig Anderson, Nicholas Toth, Michelle Montalvo, Nicholas Oprendek, Dennis Milko, Karen Kol, Gabriel Papke, Dan Savas, Elena Nava
**Great Vespers Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**  
Saturday, January 6, 2018  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONER HELEN WIRT!
Our parish wishes Helen a Happy & Blessed Birthday on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. May God grant her good health and many years! There is a birthday cake social in honor of Helen in the parish hall after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING will take place on Sunday, January 7 after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the Parish Conference Room.

ARIZONA FAITH NETWORK WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
On Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM there will be an Ecumenical Service held here at St. Stephen Cathedral. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall after the Service. Please come and join in prayer and unity with our fellow Christians of the Phoenix area.

BISHOP JOHN TO CELEBRATE A BYZANTINE CATHOLIC DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. JOSEPH MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 3:00 PM – St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church (5406 E. Virginia Ave., Phoenix) will have the healing relics of St. Sharbel at their parish and we have been invited to celebrate our Byzantine Catholic Liturgy there. Please join Bishop John and our clergy at this Divine Liturgy.

Sunday, January 7 – Birthday Cake Social for Helen Wirt’s 100th Birthday
Sunday, January 7- Parish Finance Council Meeting after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Monday, January 8- Byzantine Catholic Bible Study at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall Foyer
Sunday, January 14- Fish Fry Committee Meeting after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 20- Byzantine Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church
            3:00 PM Celebrated by Bishop John Pazak
Monday, January 15- Byzantine Catholic Bible Study at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall Foyer
Monday, January 22- Byzantine Catholic Bible Study at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall Foyer
Wednesday, January 24- Arizona Faith Network Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service of Prayer- 7:00 PM at St. Stephen Cathedral

This Week’s Candle Intention

Resurrection: +Sr. Jean Marie Cihota by Diane Papke

Our Weekly Gifts to the Lord—May the Lord bless your kindness and generosity!
Saturday: 4 PM: 30/ 9 AM: 114

Tithes: $1585.0 Candles: $96.12 Bake Sale: $40.00 Christmas Offering: $170.00
All Souls: $5.00 Totals: $1,896.12
SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:7-13

Each of us has received God’s favor in the measure in which Christ bestows it. Thus you find Scripture saying: “When he ascended on high, he took a host of captives and gave gifts to men.” “He ascended”- what does this mean but that he had first descended into the lower regions of the earth? He who descended is the very one who ascended high above the heavens, that he might fill all men with his gifts. It is he who gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teacher in roles of service for the faithful to build up the body of Christ, till we become one in faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, and form that perfect man who is Christ come to full stature.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went down to live in Capernaum by the sea near the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, to fulfill what had been said through Isaiah the prophet: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali along the sea beyond the Jordan, heathen Galilee: a people living in darkness has seen a great light. On those who inhabit a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.” From that time on Jesus began to proclaim this theme: “Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
SYNAXIS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

EPISTLE: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 19:1-8

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior of the country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples to whom he put the question, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They answered, “We have not so much as heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” “Well, how were you baptized?” he persisted. They replied, “With the baptism of John.” Paul then explained, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He used to tell the people about the one who would come after him in whom they were to believe—that is, Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. As Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came down on them and they began to speak in tongues and to utter prophecies. There were in the company about twelve men in all. Paul entered the synagogue, and over a period of three months debated fearlessly, with persuasive arguments, about the kingdom of God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-34

The next day, when John caught sight of Jesus coming toward him, He exclaimed: “Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! It is he of whom I said: ‘After me is to come a man who ranks ahead of me, because he was before me.’ I confess I did not recognize him, though the very reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” John gave this testimony also: “I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from the sky, and it came to rest on him. But I did not recognize him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen for myself and have testified, ‘This is God’s chosen One.’“
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Holy Mystery of Penance: One hour before each Liturgy or by appointment

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