RESURRECTION BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRIST IS BORN! **GLORIFY HIM!**

CHRISTOS RAŽDAJETSJA! **SLAVITE JEHO!**

SZÜLETIK KRISZTUS! ***DÍCSŐÍTSÉTEK!***

DIVINE SERVICES

CIRCUMCISION AND ST BASIL	JANUARY 1 2012	11:15am	For the Seminarians of the Pittsburgh Metropolia by Jeanne Marie Waxman
THEOPHANY ***HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION***	FRIDAY JAN 6	7:00pm	**DIVINE LITURGY WITH GREAT SANCTIFICATION OF WATER** +Bill & Rose Baczynski by Bill & Cindy Ottesen
SUNDAY	JANUARY 8	11:15am	For the Intentions of the Parishioners *PANACHIDA: +Wasyl, Tatianna & Sadie Wulzyn by the Wynnyckyj and Postupak Families.*

The Rosary is recited every Sunday at 10:40am. All are welcome to participate

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Father Dan, Red Sirkot, Lisa Knapp, Peter Cahill, Frank and Florence Yates, Mary Cortese, Rose and Judy Markus, Steven Fedoris, Kris Denenberg, John Postupak, George Smith, Andy Terletzky, Charmaine Harvey, Bob Stocker, Bobbi Spak, Marion Di Calogero, Jim Arnold.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Christopher Tychnowitz; Eric Waxman; Andrew Baransky.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM: Julia Dolganova; Connor James Bedus.

PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY: Rob Kuletsky and Christine Gardella (July 3).

THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF CHRISTMAS: Like Pascha, the Christmas season extends for 40 days, ending on February 2, the feast of the Encounter of Simeon with the Christ Child in the Temple.

The Bethlehem Peace Light kindled at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and brought around the world, will burn in our Church throughout the Christmas Season.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE OFFERED (*continued)* **in memory of** the deceased of the Gibson & Bezeredy family, Iwan & Anna Worobel, Michael Shewczuk, Matthew & Dorothy Gorecki, Richard Radziski, Wasyl & Tatianna WUlzyn, Alexander & Mary Demesko, and **in honor of** the Radziski family & friends.

TODAY: JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH: hosted by the Men's Club following the Divine Liturgy. Featuring bacon, eggs, pancakes and beverages. $7.50 adults; $2.50 for children. Join us!

BYZANTEENS: ***No meeting until January 25. Enjoy your break!***

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY: When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, all three persons of the Trinity clearly manifested themselves together for the first time: the voice of the Father, the Son incarnate, the Spirit in the form of a dove (Matthew 3,16-17). This feast is also called "Jordan" by Eastern Christians. This is the second greatest feast of the year after Pascha, older and more important than Christmas. It is marked by the great blessing of water in Church, often followed by a blessing of the nearest body of water. The vigil of Theophany is traditionally a day of strict fast, which Slavs break in the evening with a meatless festive meal called Ščedryj Večer ("Bountiful Supper"). All the faithful should drink the freshly-blessed Jordan water and take some home for use throughout the year. Holy Water can be used to bless persons or things. Last year's Jordan water should be disposed of by pouring it onto the ground. Holy Water reconnects us with our baptismal relationship with Christ: "All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ" (Galatians 3,27).

HOUSE BLESSINGS: It is traditional to bless the homes of the faithful with new Jordan Water every year. You should have a lit candle and some new Holy Water available for the blessing. Please understand that Father will not be able to stop for a snack or a meal at any home. If you do not wish to have your home blessed this year, please let Father know.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012: FREE BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP resumes at 11am in the Parish Hall. When someone has suffered the loss of a beloved spouse, friend or family member, the joy and comfort of being a Christian is mixed with feelings of sadness and loneliness. This is when it is helpful to be with caring people of faith who understand the heartache of bereavement and can help to bear the burden of grief. For information call Dr. Tony DaVino: 631-974-4097 or doctony.47@gmail.com. All welcome.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR PARISH

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 25: $4323.00. Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP 2011 CLOSING REPORT: 59 families have **pledged $6790** and already **paid $6200**, well in excess of our goal of $3500. All gifts over the goal return directly to our parish. We never heard from 62 households. ***The parish portion of the pledge drive closed on December 31. Pledges or payments should now be sent directly to the Chancery Office: 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park NJ 07424 (new diocesan policy this year).*** **THANK YOU** for your generous response!

2012 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS are available in the Parish Hall. See Fr. Jack to correct any errors or to request envelopes for someone new.

THERE ARE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR YOU in the Parish Hall. Please pick them up by next Sunday.

THANK YOU to the ByzanTeens and ByzanTeen Alumni who cleaned the Church for Christmas: Libby O'Brien, Cody and Kenneth Kopczynski, Danny Shewczuk, Kayla and Natasha Lopez, Steve Gardella, and Joshua Knapp. Emily Knapp expertly oversaw the whole operation.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR GENEROUS SOULS TO SHARE THEIR TIME IN SERVICE TO OUR PARISH: Sign up in the Parish Hall for ***monthly Church cleaning*** and ***monthly Bathroom Brigade.*** See Lisa Knapp or Fr. Jack to answer any questions. No automatic roll-overs: veteran volunteers please claim your preferred month for 2012. ***First timers*** and ***younger families*** are especially encouraged to volunteer and help save our parish hundreds of dollars monthly. ***It's time for a new generation to step up to help.***

COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP: See Kay Lefko (631-265-6093) to take your turn to host in 2012.

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2012

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: CHOOSING RIGHT; BEING GOOD, an introduction to ethics for Byzantine Catholics, will begin after house blessings. Most Americans name the teaching of good moral standards as an important reason for participating in a church but where do we actually teach and learn morals? Every adult in this parish would benefit immensely from these sessions, which are designed to help you talk and think clearly about moral choices and to develop a well-formed conscience. ***If you're a parent, a teacher, a professional or someone involved in law, government or healthcare, you NEED this information and may never have heard it presented clearly before.*** In order to make these classes available to the widest number of parishioners, Fr Jack needs to know what day and time would work best for you for six to eight 90-minute sessions. Monday evenings at 7pm is the usual time; your input could change that or warrant a second set of sessions at another time. ***Call or email your input so we can start in later January.***

EASTERN EUROPEAN DINNER: The weekend of February 12. Watch for more information.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION: featuring Ann Hanincik Koshute, a Byzantine Catholic lay theologian with a specialty in marriage and family life. Ann will address our adults and teens on Saturday, March 10.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN: led by Paul P. Karaman, catechist, educator, husband and father of six. Watch for the date.

HOUSEBLESSING SCHEDULE: January 6: 2pm-5pm: Nesconset. **January 7**: 11am to 5pm: East Moriches, Shirley, Oakdale, Yaphank, Coram, Bellport, Patchogue, Medford, Holbrook, Centereach, Lake Grove, Dix Hills. Father will try to call each house before visiting. If you do not wish to have your house blessed this year, please let Father know as soon as possible.

DID YOU GET A NEW CELL PHONE FOR CHRISTMAS? Recycle your old iPad, Blackberry, Droid or plain old phone in the parish hall. You'll help the environment and raise a few dollars for the Church.