

## Schedule for the Week

**SUNDAY - 22 January - SUNDAY. AFTER THEOPHANY - The Holy Martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene.**

*Ephesians 4:7-13 Matthew 4:12-17*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

3:00 PM - Lehigh Valley Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Blessing of Waters at Jordan Park, Whitehall

**Monday; 23 January - The Holy Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**

*James 2:14-26 Mark 10:46-52*

**Tuesday; 24 January - The Venerable Theodosius the Cenobiarch**

*James 3:1-10 Mark 11:11-23*

9 AM - Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of Marion Jendras (9th Anniversary), Barbara Sembrot (1st Anniversary) and Aniela DeProspro requested by Claude and Sharon DeProspro

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE ) - St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church 1343 Newport Ave, Northampton

**Wednesday: 25 January - The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus**

*James 4:7-5:9 Mark 11:27-33*

**Thursday; 26 January- The Holy Equal-to-the Apostles Nina, Enlightener of Georgia**

*1 Peter 1:1-2,10-12;2:6-10 Mark 12:1-12*

**Friday; 27 January - Sobor of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist**

*Acts 19:1-8 John 1:29-34*

**Saturday; 28 January - The Holy Paul of Thebes and John Calabytes the Hut-Dweller of Constantinople**

*1 Thessalonians 5:14-23 Luke 17:3-10*

**SUNDAY - 29 January - 33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy Apostle Peter**

*1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

## Announcements

- **THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS** - House blessings this year will be done by request. A form for this purpose is included in today's bulletin. If you would like your house blessed this year, please just fill out the form and place it in the collection basket or email Fr. Richard [fatherrichard@pokrova-allentown.org](mailto:fatherrichard@pokrova-allentown.org) House blessings will continue until February 13th.
- **COFFEE HOUR SIGN - UP SHEET:** The new coffee hour sign-up sheet is now posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Annual General Parish Meeting Sunday; 26 March 2023 immediately after Divine Liturgy.**

- **UPDATE ON OUR AID TO UKRAINE! EMERGENCY REQUEST RECEIVED!**
- **We have received word from Ukraine, asking us to help volunteers from the city of Oleksandria in Central Ukraine, in setting up an emergency hospital and trauma center for the wounded from Bakhmut, Soledar and Dnipro. They are asking for twin size bed sheet sets, bed pillows, blankets, bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, dark men's warm clothes, dark sweatshirts and sweat pants, dark long sleeve men's shirts, thermal underwear sets, underwear, men's warm socks, pain relieve medicine, beef jerky, tuna in pouches and other non-perishable food items. As you know these areas are under recent and UNRELENTING AND HORRIFIC ATTACK by Russia. Our help is NEEDED.**
- **2023 CALENDARS** - Now available at the back of the church. .
- **MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER AND OTHER ILLNESS** - The next special monthly prayer service for those suffering with cancer and other illness, to the Mother of God “Queen of All” will take place *Monday; 20 February*. If you would like to remember anyone in prayer, please submit their names on the list available in the Chapel and deposit it in the chapel near the icon of the Mother of God, Queen of All. Donations can also be placed in the same receptacle.
- **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES** - Classes continue every Saturday at 10 AM. Our own choir director, John Koretski leads the class. Anyone interested is welcome.
- **Adult Ukrainian Language Classes** - Classes continue every Thursday at 6 PM. Mr. Ihor Mirchuk is the instructor. Anyone interested is welcome.

## Today’s Liturgical Propers

### *(at the Divine Liturgy)*

#### **Tone 7 Troparion**     *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
 To the thief You opened Paradise.  
 For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
 And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
 to proclaim that You are risen,//  
 granting the world great mercy.

#### **Tone 1 Troparion**     *(Feast)*

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,  
 the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.  
 For the voice of the Father bore witness to You,  
 and called You His beloved Son;  
 and the Spirit in the form of a dove  
 confirmed the truthfulness of His word.  
 O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself//  
 and have enlightened the world, glory to You.

#### **Tone 7 Kontakion**     *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
 for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
 Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
 “The Savior has come to those in faith;//

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

**Tone 4 Kontakion**     *(Feast)*

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord,  
and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.  
Knowing You, we sing Your praises:  
“You have come and revealed Yourself, //  
O unapproachable Light.”

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon**   *(Sunday After)*

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You! *(Ps. 32:22)*

*V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)*

**Epistle**

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

**Tone 7**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)*

*V. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)*

**Gospel**

Matthew 4:12-17 *(Sunday After)*

*(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:)*

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Birth-Giver of God,  
more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Birth-Giver of God;  
even angels are overcome with awe praising you.

But since you are good, accept our faith;  
for you know our love inspired by God!

You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. *(Titus 2:11)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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**2023 Theophany/Jordan Home Blessings.**

**Father Richard will be planning to bless homes for the 2023 New Year. It is a tradition in our Church to have our homes blessed with the water sanctified at the Feast of Theophany. Scheduling of home blessings will be on a "first-come, first-served" in order to best accommodate all concerned. When Father comes to bless your home, please be sure to tell him if this is the first time your home is blessed or not; also tell him which rooms you specifically want him to bless. Also have some holy water and a lit candle ready; Father Richard will take care of the rest. If you want your home blessed this year, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket; you may also email [fatherrichard@pokrova-allentown.org](mailto:fatherrichard@pokrova-allentown.org).**



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**Father Richard:**

**I (we) would like you to come and bless my (our) home this new year during the Theophany (Jordan) season.**

**NAME:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Please list best**

**days/times that work for you here:**

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**Father Richard will contact you to confirm availability before coming to visit. Thank you and God bless!**