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BULLETIN – THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

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Happy Birthday To

Guy Peabody	January 8
Alfonso Rivera, Jr.	January 8
Rebeca Purcell	January 9

SACRED MUSIC -- THANK YOU!

Thank you choir of Ss Peter & Paul for your hard work and diligence in preparing the beautiful festal music for the Feast of Nativity, and then leading the congregation in a sweet spirit of prayer.

*Darlene Johnson
Choir Director*

MANY YEARS!

Congratulations to Nicole and Ryan Hofschneider on the birth of their son, Ezra Mathew, born December 20, and to big brother Caleb and grandparents, Kriss and George Saad. May God grant them many years!

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Theophany Potluck TODAY

**Please each bring enough to
serve 10 people.**

- ♦ Last names Albers through Nicholas -- main dish
- ♦ Last names Oakes through Sack -- side dish or salad
- ♦ Last names Sacoolas through Zweers -- dessert

HOUSE BLESSING

Houses will be blessed through the month of January. Please sign-up in the fellowship hall or call the church office to schedule your time for your house to be blessed.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please check your church mailbox for your new church directory. Feel free to call/email the office with corrections to **your own entry**. This is our first attempt at using our new parish data system, and inevitably some things are missing or incorrectly entered. Please bear with us. We're still learning!

Memory Eternal

*January 10 Marshall Hardenbrook
January 12 Dr. Michael Russell*

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – January 7-13, 2019

- 1/8 Tues 6:00 am – Readers Orthros
1/9 Wed 6:00 pm – Vespers
1/10 Thurs. 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group
1/12 Sat 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy w/20 yr.
memorial for repose of Dn. Michael
Russell followed by graveside
memorial
6:00 pm – Great Vespers w/Litia &
Compline
1/13 Sun 8:20 am – Sunday after Theophany
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy
10:20 am – Church School
Choir rehearsal 20 minutes after Divine
Liturgy

Looking Ahead ---

- January 15 AOCWNA Bakery Meet-up
January 16 Great Vespers w/Litia
Parish Council
January 17 Divine Liturgy for St. Anthony the Great
January 23 Paraklesis
January 27 Community Dinner
February 2 Festal Orthros and Divine Liturgy for
the Meeting of the Lord
February 10 Zacchaeus Sunday

Antiochian Orthodox Convention
July 21-28, 2019
Grand Rapids, Michigan

“We shall now say something about the present feast. Many celebrate the feast days and know their designations, but the cause for which they were established they know not. Thus, concerning this, that the present feast is called Theophany—everyone knows; but what this is—Theophany, and whether it be one thing or another, they know not....

“First of all, therefore, it is necessary to say that there is not one Theophany, but two: the one actual, which already has occurred, and

the second in future, which will happen with glory at the end of the world....

“Why is not that day, on which the Lord was born, considered Theophany—but rather this day on which He was baptized? This present day it is, on which He was baptized and sanctified the nature of water. Because on this day all, having obtained the waters, do carry it home and keep it all year, since today the waters are sanctified; and an obvious phenomenon occurs: these waters in their essence do not spoil with the passage of time, but obtained today, for one whole year and often for two or three years, they remain unharmed and fresh, and afterwards for a long time do not stop being water, just as that obtained from the fountains.

“Why then is this day called Theophany? Because Christ made Himself known to all—not then when He was born—but then when He was baptized. Until this time, He was not known to the people. And that the people did not know Him, Who He was, listen about this to John the Baptist, who says: ‘Amidst you standeth Him Whom ye know not of’ (Jn. 1:26). And is it surprising that others did not know Him, when even the Baptist did not know Him until that day? ‘And I’—said he—‘knew Him not: but He that did send me to baptize with water, about This One did tell unto me: over Him that shalt see the Spirit descending and abiding upon Him, This One it is Who baptizeth in the Holy Spirit’ (Jn. 1:33).

“Thus, from this it is evident, that there are two Theophanies ... it is therefore necessary to know both the one and equally the other. And first it is necessary to speak your love about the latter, so that we might learn about the former.”

St. John Chrysostom