

		<u>January 8, 2017- Sunday after Theophany</u>				<u>Special Intention</u>	
Divine Liturgy: Tone 1		Eph 4:7-13 and Mt 4:12-17				By Jose Sentmanat	
		<u>January 15, 2017-35th Sunday after Pentecost</u>				<u>Divine Liturgy</u>	
Divine Liturgy: Tone 2		Col 3:12-16 and Lk 18:18-27		Sunday Feb 12		12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	
<u>LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS</u>							
Sunday	Jan 8	10:00am(Ruthenian)	28 th Sunday after Theophany Divine Liturgy For health and blessings Upon Joan Ostrowski by the Kowalik Family	Sunday	Feb 12	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Prodigal Son Divine Liturgy +George Zganich By wife Carmen
Sunday	Jan 15	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy 35 th Sunday after Pentecost Divine Liturgy +Robert Urban by wife Johanna	Sunday	Feb 19	12:00pm (Melkite) 10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy Sunday of Meatfare Divine Liturgy +Robert Urban By wife Johanna and family
Saturday	Jan 21	12:00pm (Melkite) 5:00pm	Divine Liturgy Great Vespers	Saturday	Feb 25	12:00pm (Melkite) 9:30am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy 1st All Souls Saturday (transferred) Divine Liturgy and Panachida for Parish deceased
Sunday	Jan 22	10:00am(Ruthenian)	36 th Sunday after Pentecost Divine Liturgy +Eva & +Gary Schroeder by family	Sunday	Feb 26	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of Cheesefare Divine Liturgy Special Intention By Jose Sentmanat
Friday	Jan 27	12:00pm (Melkite) 7:00pm	Divine Liturgy Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy +Robert Urban By family	<u>Monday, Feb. 27-First day of the Great Fast-strict fast (no animal products permitted)</u>			
Saturday	Jan 28	5:00pm	Great Vespers	Tuesday	Feb 28	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Sunday	Jan 29	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of Zacchaeus Divine Liturgy +John Foran by family	Wednesday	Mar 1	7:30pm(Melkite)	Great Compline
Monday	Jan 30	12:00pm (Melkite) 7:00pm	Divine Liturgy Three Holy Hierarchs Divine Liturgy +Robert Urban By wife Johanna & family	Friday	Mar 3	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Thursday	Feb 2	7:00pm	Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon Divine Liturgy +Robert Urban By wife Johanna & family	Sunday	Mar 5	10:00am(Ruthenian)	1 st Sunday of the Great Fast-Orthodoxy Divine Liturgy & Panachida +Veronica Derco By the Kowalik Family
Sunday	Feb 5	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Divine Liturgy	Tuesday	Mar 7	12:00pm (Melkite) 7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
				Wednesday	Mar 8	7:30pm(Melkite)	Great Compline
				Friday	Mar 10	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
				Saturday	Mar 11	9:30am(Ruthenian)	2 nd All Souls Saturday-Divine Liturgy and Panachida for Parish deceased
				Sunday	Mar 12	10:00am(Ruthenian)	2 nd Sunday of the Great Fast St. Gregory Palamas Divine Liturgy For health & blessings upon Patricia Savage (75 th birthday) By the Kowalik Family
						12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy

WELCOME...to all our visitors worshipping with us at this Divine Liturgy!
Please be sure to fill out a Visitor's Card and drop it in the collection basket (or give it to the usher). And we would like you to be our guest in the Social Hall for coffee and refreshments after the Liturgy is over this morning. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Saint John Chrysostom's Church.

We are glad you're here!

Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: God bless you for your generosity!

Dec 18-\$3,224.00

Dec 25-\$3,627.00

Jan 1-\$7,430.00

Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish :

Peter Mytchak, Margaret Mihalo, Michael Streitman, Marianne Oprisko, Susan Parada, Harry & Virginia Franko, Fred Wey, Malak Bakkal, Nancy Sandrock, Martha Kaye, Sr. Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown, Leslie Bohannon, Cynthia Hirsch, Dick Burnette & Ted Bojczuk.

Calendar of Events

Jan 8 Parish Holy Supper for Old Calendar Christmas after the 10am Liturgy
Jan 8 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Water 5pm
Jan 10- Open Studios for Iconography 9:30am-6:30pm
Jan 10 Bible Study with Deacon Andrew at 6:30 pm
Jan 15 & 29 ECF (Catechism) Classes 11:30am
Jan 15-Theosis Group will meet (after Ecclesiology) in school building
Jan 22-Ecclesiology Discussion Group-after 10am Liturgy in Social Hall
Jan 22 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy at 5pm
Feb 5 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy at 5pm
Feb 26 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy at 5pm
Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Apr 6-Lenten Evening Iconography Workshop 6-10pm
Mar 5 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy at 5pm
Mar 16-19 St. John's Lenten Icon Workshop
Mar 26 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy at 5pm
Apr 1 Brunch with St. Mary of Egypt (more information to come)

St. Basil's has a new administrator! Newly-ordained Fr. Joseph Wargocki, has been loaned from the Eparchy of Phoenix to the Archeparchy to serve at St. Basil's in Irving for a term of one year. We look forward to welcoming Fr. Joseph to Texas and we will be praying for him as he serves our sister parish.

Friday, Jan. 6 was the Feast of the Theophany, the Baptism of Christ and a Great Feast in the Byzantine Church. At the Divine Liturgy (7pm) water was blessed for all to receive and take home. In the next weeks after the Feast (until the beginning of the Great Fast), Fr. Elias will bless homes. Please contact Fr. Elias to schedule a convenient time to bless your home with the new Theophany Water. Please call or text him at: 713-256-8953 or email him at: houstonelias@gmail.com

House Blessings at Theophany: FAQs

The Church teaches us to sanctify everything: dwellings, places of work, all our pursuits, and the fruits of our labor. The home blessing at Theophany represents a renewal of our lives in Christ. Washed in the baptismal waters, our homes become temples of the Holy Spirit for the fulfillment of the will of our Heavenly Father. We encourage you to have your pets blessed, too.

We gather in the dining room. On your dining room table or family icon corner, set

- A lit candle
- A Theophany icon or another icon of Christ
- Make a list of the names of family members you wish to pray for (include both living and departed)

When the priest arrives everyone in the house should gather around the table/family altar and join in prayer and singing. If there are children, they usually carry the icon and a candle to lead the priest from room to room. If not the head of the household will lead the priest. After the blessing we all gather back around the icon for the concluding prayers.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped decorate the Church and Hall, prepare the flowers, cook for Holy Supper or offer hospitality during this Christmas Season ! God bless you for being so generous with your time and effort!

After a period of irregular services the Byzantine Catholic Community in Austin has been blessed with the presence of Fr. Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski (who is also Director of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute, and its the website for the entire Byzantine Metropolia), now residing in Austin. After meeting with the Community last month, it was decided that Fr. Elias would twice a month serve the Liturgy on Sunday at 5pm at St. Michael's High School in Austin and the other two Sundays would consist of deacon-led Typika Services. With many new members, we look forward to seeing this community grow! Pray for them and Fr. Deacon Jeff!

The **Theosis Group** will meet, Sunday, Jan. 15 at approximately 12:15. We will continue our discussion of Unseen Warfare focusing on key teachings from Ch. 1-4 of Part Two.

Due to the current political/religious unrest in Jordan and Turkey, the "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land" planned for after Pascha, has been postponed. Fr. Elias will reschedule the Pilgrimage for another time either towards the end of the year or spring of 2018. Please remember in your prayers the special intention for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East and for the Christians living in those dangerous areas.

Bible Study with Deacon Andrew will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 10 beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm followed by the study of Acts of the Apostles, Ch. 16-18 from 7-8:30pm. All are welcome!

***Thank you** to those of you who donated baskets and icons and liquor and so many other things to the "Chinese Auction" ! The auction brought in some \$500 that will be put into the remodeling of the kitchen! Thank you! We already have a few*

things for the Spring Chinese Auction! We are accepting donations!

On Sunday, January 22, during the Coffee Social after the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Charles Brown will lead our "Ecclesiology Discussion Group" as we continue to learn about the Church. The topic for the discussion will be "Unions and Communion". All are invited to listen in and participate!

Sister Vassa Larin in Houston

Sr. Dr. Vassa Larin is a Russian Orthodox nun, the host of the popular online show "Coffee with Sr. Vassa", author of many scholarly articles and a monograph on Byzantine liturgy and theology, and outspoken public intellectual on current issues of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia. She is a professor of Liturgical Studies at the Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Vienna in Austria. Sr. Dr. Vassa Larin is a member of two Commissions of the Inter-Council Presence of the Russian Orthodox Church: the Commission on Liturgy and Church Art, and the Commission on Canon Law. Sr. Vassa studied Byzantine Liturgy under Fr. Robert Taft SJ at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome where she received her doctorate. Two years ago she gave the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Lecture at our Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh. Her online presence and common sense approach to spirituality, prayer and Liturgy has earned her quite a following. Her show today is translated into over 20 languages! Hearing her speak here in Houston will be a treat!

Her website is: <http://www.coffeewithsistervassa.com/> or go to YouTube to see her previously recorded videos.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, USA, February 24-27, 2017:

-10:45am-12noon, Sunday, February 26, "A Heart for God," in Martel Hall, Rice University 6100 Main St, Houston, Texas 77005

- Monday, February 27

-10am, "Chasing What Matters," at the Clean Monday Retreat, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 3511 Yoakum Boulevard Houston, TX 77006

-3pm, "Make Him Known to the Children," at the Clean Monday

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