

Dec. 31, 2017- Sunday after Christmas, Memorial of David, Joseph and James  
 Divine Liturgy: Tone 5 Gal 1:11-19 and Mt 2:13-23  
Jan. 7, 2018- Sunday after Theophany-Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner  
 Divine Liturgy: Tone 6 Eph 4:7-13 & 32-40 and Mt 4:12-17

**LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

Sunday	Dec 31	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday after Christmas, David, Joseph and James Divine Liturgy of St. James +Anna Kowpak By Becki & Jay Kinch
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Monday	Jan 1	10:00pm(Ruthenian)	Circumcision of Our Lord & St. Basil the Great Blessing of Vassilopita Divine Liturgy of St. Basil +James Sandrock By wife Nancy and children

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> is a day of fasting from meat and dairy products.**

Saturday	Jan 6	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Theophany of Our Lord Divine Liturgy with blessing of water Birthday blessings upon Mark Laird By the Kowalik Family
Sunday	Jan 7	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday after Theophany Divine Liturgy +James Sandrock By wife Nancy and children
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	Jan 14	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of Zacchaeus Divine Liturgy for health and blessings Upon Joan Ostrowski By the Kowalik Family
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	Jan 21	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Divine Liturgy & Panachida +Mary Lazarek By the Kowalik Family
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Saturday	Jan 27	9:30am(Ruthenian)	Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom

Sunday	Jan 28	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Divine Liturgy +Geza Ortutay By Terese Ortutay Sunday of the Forefathers Divine Liturgy & Panachida (1 year) +Margaret Mihalo By husband Robert
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	Jan 30	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Three Holy Hierarchs Divine Liturgy +Geza Ortutay By Terese Ortutay
Thursday	Feb 1	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Encounter of our Lord with Simeon Divine Liturgy +Ann Kowpak -by Fr. Elias
Sunday	Feb 4	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of Meatfare Divine Liturgy +James Sandrock By the Kowalik Family
		5:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	Feb 11	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of Cheesefare Divine Liturgy +Ann Kowpak By Becki & Jay Kinch
		5:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy

**Monday, February 12 is the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Great Fast and Clean Monday.**  
**Today we fast from meat and dairy products**

*WELCOME...to all our visitors worshiping 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!*

**Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish :**  
 Peter Mytchak, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Yuhanna Hirmiz, Marianne Oprisko,  
 Susan Parada, Harry & Virginia Franko, Fred Wey, Malak Bakkal, Nancy Sandrock,  
 Martha Kaye, Sr. Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown and Sr. Rita Crabbe.

**Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: God bless you for your generosity!**  
**Dec 17-** \$2,576.00      **Dec 24-**\$2,521.00      **Dec 25-**\$3,287.00

### Calendar of Events

Jan 4, 24 and Feb. 1- Open Studios for Iconography 9:30am-6:30pm  
Jan 7 Old Calendar Christmas luncheon after the 10am Divine Liturgy  
Jan 7 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy at 5pm  
Jan 7-Apr 28 Deacon Andrew is on sabbatical  
Jan 9-Bible Study 6:30pm Potluck, 7pm-8:30pm Study & discussion  
Jan 14 Ecclesiology: Protestantism for Byzantines-after the 10am Liturgy (in Hall)  
Jan 28 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy at 5pm  
Feb 11 Austin Byzantine Community-Divine Liturgy at 5pm  
Feb 17 Brunch with Sts. Cyril and Methodius 10am-1pm  
Feb 19-Mar 2, 2018- Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

### Please remember in your prayers:

**+Charles 'Dick' Burnette** who fell asleep in the Lord on Christmas Eve and was buried in Corpus Christi. Dick was one of the founders and first parishioners of St. John's. May he be remembered forever!

**-Ryan Black** who is recovering in the hospital after surgery. May Christ the Physician give him healing!

**Saturday, Jan. 6 is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan, the Theophany. After this feast Father Elias will be blessing homes with the new water from Theophany. To set up a convenient time please give Father a call at 713-256-8953 or email him at [houstonelias@gmail.com](mailto:houstonelias@gmail.com)**

Liturgy intentions are being accepted for all dates until Jan. 31, 2019. The free-will donation is \$10 Divine Liturgy/\$5 Panachida. Some dates are already taken so do not wait if you have an anniversary or special date in mind.

Please pick up your donation envelopes in the back of the church. They are labeled with your name.

Bible Study will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 9. The bible study will begin with potluck followed by Study & Discussion lead by David Dominguez

On Sunday, Jan.14, Heath Vogel will lead us in Part 3 of the fascinating "Protestantism for Byzantines" in the Social Hall after the Divine Liturgy. All are warmly invited!

Next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> as we continue to celebrate the Theophany, we also remember that this day is Christmas Day (according to the Julian Calendar) for many of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Slovakia, Russia and Serbia. After the 10am Divine Liturgy we will celebrate "Russian Christmas" with a festive Slovak meal. The meal will consist of traditional dishes of goulash, sauerkraut, mushroom soup, pork and dumplings. All are warmly invited as we observe the end of the Christmas Season and Russian Christmas!

**Volunteers** are need to help prep the food from 12:00noon-2pm on Saturday, Jan. 6. Thank you!

At this time of year it is appropriate to go to receive forgiveness through the Holy Mystery of Confession. Father is able to hear Confessions at any time upon request or before/after liturgical services.

Please sign up in the hall to host at the coffee social (after the Liturgy). The sign-up will be posted on the hall bulletin board. Thank you to all who have so generously (and deliciously) hosted these past months! God bless you for your kind generosity!

Deacon Andrew will be on sabbatical from Jan. 7 the Apr. 28, 2018. He and his wife Barbara will be on a world cruise. You may follow them on Facebook or email Deacon Andrew at: [Andrewveres@gmail.com](mailto:Andrewveres@gmail.com)