



# SS. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## SERVICES January 6, 2019 – January 13, 2019

**Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am – +EPIPHANY Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour;  
12 noon – Adult Study**

**Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.....5:00 pm - Vespers**

**Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour;  
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## Sunday, January 6, 2019

### EPISTLE: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

### THE LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST

In the center dome of many Orthodox churches you will find an icon of our Lord referred to as the Pantocrator. That icon, more than any other, seems to give us an overwhelming feeling that Christ is always with us as we worship and sing His praises. That is consolation above all consolations!

The presence of Christ can be felt in every church, no matter how large or how small. Orthodox Christians, however, must realize that His Divine Presence in the world extends far beyond the walls of our various houses of worship. Before ascending into heaven, Jesus told His Apostles: "LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGES." (Matthew 28:20) Our Savior has kept that promise to all of us.

He is with us in sickness and suffering with His HEALING PRESENCE. He is with us when we battle the temptations of the devil with His STRENGTHENING PRESENCE. He is with us when death takes away a loved one with His COMFORTING PRESENCE. He is with us when we struggle with moral decisions in our lives with His REASSURING PRESENCE.

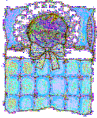
Yes, God is always with us -- He is only a prayer away! Our Lord desires to be with those who desire to be with Him. In the words of the saintly Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic, "Christ is the Light that is ever present to the eyes of those who look for Him." He comes to meet us - do we go to meet Him?

January 6, 2019

**PRAYER LIST** : We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially:  
*Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr.*

Also offer your prayers for those in need especially *Helen Baburchak, Fr. Steven Belonick, Matushka Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Nadine Dranchak, Thanos Fotiou, Jack Francisco, Justin Garcia, Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Newborn Infant - Maria Karlgut; Newborn Infant - Lukeria Karlgut; Olga Kulasza, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle Vitale, Olga Warski* & all of our parishioners who are ill.

To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. Thank you!



We wish to congratulate the parents, Alyona (Karlkut) and Alexander Stinkovoy on the birth of their daughter, Lukeria. May God Grant Lukeria, her parents and all of her family Many Blessed Years!

**THANK YOU!** We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and kind words that they expressed to us on the falling asleep of my Mom, Mae Mary Shonak. **Dr. Steven & Kristine Garner**



**COFFEE HOUR:** Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today: Dorks

Jan. 13: Stella Holowatch, Deb Darling, Kyra Davies

Jan. 20: Babe Farbanish, Nettie Lukovich, Connie Devine

Jan. 27: ANNUAL MEETING

Feb. 3: Paula Norton, Nicole Ewing, Nancy Kulikowski, Patty Warski

**Everyone is Welcome to a Study of the Divine Liturgy  
Sundays at 12 noon Jan. 6th to Feb. 19th 2019.**

In his book For the Life of the World, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann tells us that "the Divine Liturgy is best understood as a journey". The destination of this journey is announced at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy when the priest proclaims, "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". This journey is to the Kingdom of Heaven. Are we prepared, aware and present so that we fully participate in the journey? Let's learn together, so that we can more fully journey together.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Thank you to all who helped with the Sunday School Nativity Program & everyone who attended. A special "thank you" to all of the children and teachers who participated in the program. Great Job!.

***2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 immediately following Divine Liturgy.***

Everyone is encouraged to attend and to take part in charting the direction of the life of our church for the next year. Reports / Budgets are due before for the Annual Meeting by Monday, January 14, 2019.

***REMINDER: 2019 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH!*** If you cannot find your envelopes, please notify someone in the church office.

***2019 calendars are also available in the vestibule of the church***

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to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy We invite all of our guests to join us for Fellowship Hour and visit our book store.

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