

# Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Jan. 3, 2021 9:00am Divine Liturgy at Church, **Sunday before/ Forefeast of Theophany**

## **TODAY'S READINGS:**

II Tim. 4:5-8

Mark 1:1-8

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

Today:

**Happy new Calendar Year!**

Mon. Jan. 4 5:30pm

Royal Hours

Tue. Jan. 5 5:30pm

Vespers, **Eve of Theophany, Strict Fast Day**

Wed. Jan. 6 9:00am

Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water, **Feast of Theophany**

Fri. Jan. 8 5:30pm

Vespers (virtual)

Sat. Jan. 9 5:00pm

Home Saturday Vespers (virtual)

Sun. Jan. 10 9:00am

Divine Liturgy at Church, **Sunday after Theophany**

Eph. 4:7-13

Matt. 4:12-17

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

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**2021 Pocket Calendars are in!** Please pick one up at church for the coming year!

**Celebrations:** Vasily's name's day on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Many years!

**Memory Eternal:** **Panteleimon** (Xenios' uncle); **Richard**, (Daniel Cowan's father-in-law); **Sergei** (Elena Bruce's first husband), **Luke**, son of Fr. Steven and Anne Hosking, Aaron's brother; **Judith**, Tom Eisenmann's mother. Please remember them for the coming 40 days. Memory eternal.

**The January Stewardship Tray:** During the month of January, we are supporting FORCC. To send a donation, please put "Stewardship Tray" in the memo line, and "diocese" or "Stewards".

**Weather/Coronavirus Changes:** For either spontaneous need to close, monitor tv: WTNH (8).

**Men's Reading Group:** A weekly **Men's Reading Group** is continuing on Tuesday mornings at 7am. We are currently reading through *For the Life of the World*, by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann. Daniel Cowan, is continuing to provide IT Support for the group, 203.701.6165. Just click on this link <https://zoom.us/my/danielcowan> to join us.

**Pledge:** It is not too late to return a pledge for 2021. Place your pledge envelope in the offering basket during Sunday Divine Liturgy.

**Encyclical of Hope:** Was circulated in advance of the new year celebration by our Holy Synod. You can find it on our website [here](#). Please take a moment to read this message of hope.

**Theophany:** Feast of Theophany, Wednesday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. For those desiring to take **Holy Water** home with them and unable to attend Liturgy, please plan to bring and leave your holy water bottle on this Sunday. Please tape your name to the container. We will bless water on the Feast, after Liturgy, at which time we will fill all the containers left at church. There may be water remaining in the font on the Sunday after, Jan.10, but it would be safer to leave a container at church. **Houseblessings:** We have been strongly discouraged from house-blessings until such time as the pandemic subsides. Advance notice will be given for planning purposes when we are able to do so.

**Preparation for the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting:** The names of the **Nominating Committee**, the **Budget Committee** and the **Bylaws Committee** members, appointed by the Parish Council, will be posted via e-mail. If you would like to serve on any of these committees before their work begins, you are most welcome to! Please contact a member of a specific Committee, Tom Eisenmann, or Fr. Steven. If you would like to serve on the parish council, contact any member of the nominating committee. Anyone wishing to propose an amendment to the parish bylaws is to submit his/her proposal, in writing, to any member of the bylaws committee by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Remember that to be a **voting member** of the parish means that we participate in the life of the parish by receiving the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion in the parish, and we take responsibility for the support of the parish by meeting our commitment of financial support by December 31<sup>st</sup>. (Anyone unable to meet his/her financial commitment is asked to speak, confidentially, either to our Council President Tom Eisenmann or to Father Steven.)

**Confessions: Please again consider scheduling before year-end:** Here is a link also to a presentation about video/phone confession that may help our faithful better understand this option. [https://youtu.be/bO\\_gAhXOOw0](https://youtu.be/bO_gAhXOOw0) Please make every effort to get to private confession between now and the end of the year.

Храмовые службы теперь благословляются дважды в неделю. Щелкните [здесь](#), чтобы запросить посещение церковной службы.

(Видеозаписи домашних вечерних служб доступны [здесь](#) на нашем сайте.)

Сегодня- Литургия (церковь) – Воскресенье перед праздником Крещения

[Второе Послание к Тимофею 4:5-8 и от Марка 1:1-8]

По 17:30 Отличные часы

Вт 17:30 Вечерня, Праздник Богоявления

Ср 9:00 Литургия - Праздник Богоявления, Благословение Воды

[Первое Послание к Коринфянам 9:19-27 и от Луки 3:1-18]

Пя. 17:30 Домашняя Вечерня

Сб. 17:00 Домашняя Вечерня

Вс. 9:00 Литургия (церковь) – Воскресенье перед праздником Крещения

[Послание к Ефесянам 4:7-13 и от Матфея 4:12-17]