

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

A parish of the New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church in America

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Sun. Jan. 8, 2023 9:00am **Sunday after Theophany**

TODAY'S READINGS: Eph. 4:7-13 Matt. 4:12-17

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today:	Coffee Hour
Tue. Jan. 10 5:30pm	Daily Vespers
6:45pm	Budget Meeting
Sat. Jan. 14 5:00pm	Leavetaking of Theophany, Great Vespers, no confessions
Sun. Jan. 15 9:00am	Divine Liturgy: Venerable Paul of Thebes
	I Tim. 1:15-17 Luke 18:18-27

Welcome to all our visitors who join us for services!

Celebrations: **Neely and Elena** Bruce, Anniversary of Marriage, Jan. 1, **Reader Paul** Romanovsky, Jan. 10, Many Years!

Pray for: **Tatiana** Oji at Orange Care Center, and **Erin** Kelly preparing for surgery.

Men's Reading Group: A weekly **Men's Reading Group** is continuing on Tuesday mornings at 7:15am. We are currently studying the Gospel of St. Mark. Just click on the link [here](#) to join us.

Stewardship Tray: In January we will be supporting **FORCC**, the Fellowship of Orthodox Churches in CT (FORCC), supporting Orthodoxy throughout the state of CT. Please be generous! To donate by check, simply put "stewardship tray" in the memo line.

COMISS Network: This is a national round table for pastoral care and counseling, and as in past years, their main meeting occurs early in January. Fr. Steven serves on the leadership team planning for these annual gatherings. This year's meeting is virtual, beginning at noon, so Fr. Steven will need to leave for home pretty quickly after Divine Liturgy on Sunday the 8th. Thank you for your understanding.

Annual Meeting: In preparation for the 2023 annual parish meeting (Feb. 5), the names of the nominating and budget committee members are posted on the downstairs bulletin board and e-mailed. Please share your interest in serving on the parish council with nominating committee.

Coffee Hour: To assist in preparations for coffee hour, here is the link to the [sign-up sheet](#).

Poinsettias: Please take one of these hearty plants with you to adorn your home!

Weather Announcements: Should we need to cancel services during these winter months, here are several means of ascertaining whether services have been canceled at Holy Transfiguration: 1) The **website** calendar on the front page is always updated if changes are made to the service calendar and would reflect cancellation as soon as that determination is made. 2) An **e-mail** will certainly be sent out sharing cancellation. 3) Watch your **television** (WTNH Channel 8), at the bottom of the screen, scrolling cancellations. Please exercise caution when determining your course of action during inclement weather, if services are not canceled.

"Sanctity of Life Sunday" (Jan. 22) will be remembered in parishes of the Orthodox Church in America near Friday, January 20th, the date of the Annual March for Life, marking the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States, in the US Capital. As in past years, Orthodox Christians from across the country will gather to proclaim the sanctity of God's precious gift of life and to remember the millions of victims abortion has claimed over the past four decades." (From OCA website). This is one example of our church "walking the walk" with respect to upholding the sanctity of life.

Theophany: Festal services, Thu. Jan. 5th, – Fri., Jan. 6th. For those desiring to take **Holy Water** home and unable to attend Liturgy, please plan to bring and leave your holy water bottle this Sunday, Jan. 1st. Please tape your name to the container. We will bless water on the Feast, 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. 8, but it would be safer to leave a container at church. **Houseblessings:** For those who would like their home blessed, a sign-up sheet is at the candle desk.

If you would still like to make a financial gift to the parish before the end of the year, the ["Donate" page](#) on our website is available 24/7.

Diocese of Alaska Appeal: Contributions for the Diocese of Alaska, in the basket on Sunday, and through PayPal since then, total more than \$2,000! Many thanks to those who contributed now, and to those who have made a commitment to make contributions during 2023. It will make a very significant difference to the Orthodox faithful in Alaska.

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

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

Сегодня- 9:00 Литургия - Воскресенье после Богоявления
[Послание к Ефесеям 4:7-13 и от Матфея 4:12-17]

Су 17:00 Великая Вечерня

Воск 9:00 Литургия – Преподобный Павел Фивейский

[Первое Послание к Тимофею 1:15-17 и от Луки 18:18-27]