

**THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**January 6th, 2019**

8:40 AM Rosary  
9:00 AM H/B for all Parishioners

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**DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR 29<sup>TH</sup> WEEK AFTER PENTECOST**

*Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>*

11:00 AM + Funeral Divine Liturgy for Anna Bohacz

*Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM H/B for Robert West – by Steve & Halyna Syvanych

*Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>*

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

*Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM H/B for Halyna Syvanych – by Steve Syvanych

*Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM + Anne Taras – by Joseph Mosyjowski Family

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*Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>*

5:00 PM + Marta Durbak – by Steve & Mary Covert

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Theophany**

9:10 AM Rosary  
9:30 AM H/B for all Parishioners  
**Parish Prospora Dinner & Christmas Play!**

**'GOD'S WORD AND CATECHESIS'**

Therefore, also today we focus our gaze and attention on the family, in order to help it, and especially the parents, to deepen their own spiritual life, so that they might be capable of transmitting the gift of holy faith to their children and grandchildren. It is important task the parents should be supported by godparents, grandparents, family members, friends, school and parish community. We say "support" because in this responsible task no one can replace the nuclear family unit. Dear Families, Our Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky said: "The family home is the first and most important school, where your children are to learn to love God and others. As will be that school, so will be the learning"

*Holy Ghost Parish is continually blessed by your generosity!*

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

This week **Anna Martyniuk (1/11)** is celebrating her birthday. In addition, **Steve & Halyna Syvanych** recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary (12/31). May God grant you **many healthy and happy years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita**

**DIRECT TO YOUR EMAIL BOX:**

Don't miss the weekend bulletin because you are out of town, ill, or unable to come to Holy Ghost. Fr. Sal will be happy to deliver your bulletin via email. Just send your request to pastor@hgucc.org.

**BIBLE STUDY—COME AND SEE!**

Every **Wednesday at 6:30 PM** in the parish hall, a group of men and women gather to pray, read, study, and learn more about our Faith through readings from the Catechism of the UCC, the Old and New Testaments. Interesting commentary and questions about real-life issues from our reading material and from each other help us to discern God's Voice in the midst of our busy lives. Please join us.

**ENVELOPES:**

Please pick up your 2018 envelopes in the Church vestibule. If you wish to have envelopes, please contact Fr. Sal.

**CHRISTMAS PROSPHORA DINNER:**

The Annual Holy Ghost Parish Prospora Dinner will take place on **Sunday, January 13, 2019. All parishioners and visitors are invited.**

**We are still in need of** sponsors for kutya (wheat mix), fruit compote, fresh fruit bowl, haluski, mushroom gravy, sauerkraut, a beef dish, pastas, salads, vegetables, additional potatoes, cookies and desserts... or whatever else your heart desires. *We also accept monetary donations to help cover the kielbasa cost.* **Thank you!**

**The Jordan Water – The Very Sacred Object:**

From very ancient times the Eastern Church has regarded the sanctified water as a great sacramental, possessing miraculous powers for healing both soul and body. It is a custom in our Church *to gladly receive the priest who blesses and sanctifies their home with Jordan Water.* The prayers of the Great Water Blessing call upon the Holy Spirit to come down upon the water to purify and sanctify it, and impart to it a healing power for the benefit of soul and body. *Please call or e-mail Fr. Vsevolod (Sal) to schedule a time for him to bless your home.*

**OUR SYMPATHIES:**

We wish to express our prayers and deepest sympathies to the family of † **Anna Bohacz**, who will be buried from Holy Ghost Parish on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. *May her memory be eternal!*

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – “Learning to Evangelize” begins  
Feb 2 - Pyrohy  
Mar 2 - Pyrohy

**Prayer for Vocations:**

Almighty and merciful God, inspire those You have chosen to hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witness of Your love and care for the world. Amen.

**VISIT THE HOLY GHOST PARISH LIBRARY**

Located in the parish hall near the double doors, our library has books and other materials to borrow. Browse selections on Liturgy, Scripture, Mary and other Saints, Prayer, the Sacraments, and some children's items. There is a small collection of books in Ukrainian. Let us know if you have books to add to the library on our Liturgy, theology, and traditions. Books of this type may be left in the box marked "Book Donations" near the Library shelves. Questions: Pete or Norma Kopko 330-284-8011.

**THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

We are all invited to visit [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience) to learn more about various social issues relative to the teaching of the Catholic Church. It helps to stay informed, as we continue to mature in our Catholic Christian Faith. See what the hierarchy has discussed, decided and published in order to guide the faithful.

**When celebrating together, cultivate Christian family traditions and practices, instill in your children a Christian outlook on life and develop in them a sense of belonging to the parish church community.**

"28. The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it

really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach."

Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World*

**ARE YOU READY?:**

Many people think because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. But membership requires signing up---formally enrolling yourself in parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Please make an effort to register in our parish.

**FORGIVENESS:**

Forgiveness does not mean acceptance of a lie. When we forgive, we don't put up with evil, but on the contrary, we name it and call a wrongdoer as such. But when we forgive, this means that first of all we throw evil out of our own heart. Only that person who is spiritually higher and stronger, can forgive. To forgive means to overcome evil. Forgiveness does not mean release from responsibility for wrongdoings. Fair punishment is necessary for reconciliation. Otherwise how can we speak about the due respect for the victims of crimes, due satisfaction for their offences if, according to the principles of justice, the person who offended them will not suffer deserved punishment?

MARRIAGE The Holy Mystery of Marriage (from the catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church) Marriage Is a Mystery of Love between a Man and a Woman # 472

Marriage is based on the fact that the married couple mutually complements one another. The Church gives witness to this in a prayer of the Rite of Crowning: "Holy God, you created man from the dust and from his side fashioned a woman as a suitable helpmate for him, for such was the good pleasure of your majesty that man should not be alone on earth." In their gender differentiation, a man and a woman complete one another, creating an indissoluble union of one body

**"The merciful Lord hurries to help others using our feet, supports the sick and frail with our hands, listens to those who have been wronged with our ears, consoles those who are sad with our mouths, carries the weak with our shoulders, brings others close to Himself with our hearts. In other words, the vocation of every Christian is to be an icon of God's goodness and love in the world."**

***Prayer for Priests***

**O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory. But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Divine Liturgies I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen**

Our life, given us by the Lord, is given in order that we would use it correctly and advantageously. If we didn't have life, than everything else would not have any worth or value. Only in the context of our life everything else can have some kind of value. If God gifted us with life, then He expects us to spend it profitably and bring Him the fruits in our particular state of life. The Lord gave us life, and better said, lent it – handed it to us. In the final analysis, it is not our property, we are only making use of it and some day we will stand before God to bring its fruits from it. It's similar to that when someone who has a treasure, money, and tries to deposit it in the best way, either in a bank or in a business, in order that the transaction would yield a profit. So it is with our life—it's an enormous treasure. And the question rests is in this, where we are investing it. Inevitably we will invest it. If we invest it correctly, then later in eternity, we will have accrued a profitable yield from this transaction.