



# St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church



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## January 6, 2019 ~ Holy Theophany of the Lord

**Sunday Services:** Orthros at 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle Reading:** Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17

**Saints Commemorated Today** The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
Theophan the Recluse

**Word about Communion:** Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Faith. One must also be in good standing with the Church spiritually and properly prepared. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with Fr. Anthony. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let the children and elderly approach first, when possible.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church is to be the living witness of Jesus Christ-keeping and proclaiming the Orthodox Christian Faith and sanctifying the faithful through God's grace by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and Sacraments.

### OUR VISION

We will strive to fulfill the commission of Jesus Christ and grow in faith and love through worship, witness, fellowship and outreach.



FEAST OF  
THE HOLY THEOPHANY  
OF OUR LORD

The Baptism of our Lord in  
the River Jordan

### Holy Services – *weekday schedule*

Wed, Jan 16	5:45 pm	Liturgy, St. Anthony
Fri, Jan 18	9:00 am	Liturgy, St. Athanasios
Mon, Jan 21	9:00 am	Liturgy, St. Maximos
Fri, Jan 25	9:00 am	Liturgy, St. Gregory Theologian
Wed, Jan 30	5:45 pm	Liturgy, Three Hierarchs

**Sunday, January 6 – EPIPHANY & The Blessing of the Waters**

8:45am- **Matins** 10:00am-Divine Liturgy 11:30am-Coffee Hour  
 6:00pm **Philoptochos Board Meeting**

**Monday, January 7, 2019**

6:00pm **Spaghetti Dinner Planning Meeting**  
 7:00pm **Grief Support Group (on 1st Mondays)**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

6:30pm **OCF Chew and Chat**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

12:00pm **Men's Lunch at Mannaweenta**  
 6:00pm **Vespers**  
 7:00pm **Inquirer's Class**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

9:00am **House Blessings all day**

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

8:45am- **Matins** 10:00am-Divine Liturgy 11:30am-Coffee Hour  
 11:15am **Cutting of the Vasilopita**  
 11:30am **Swearing in of the new PC/Followed by Election of Officers**

**Monday, January 14, 2019**

6:00pm **Finance Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

10:00am **Mothers' Morning out**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

12:00pm **Men's Lunch at Mannaweenta**  
 5:45pm **Liturgy St. Anthony the Great**  
 7:00pm **Parish Council**

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

6:00pm **Spaghetti Dinner (3rd Thurs)**

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

12:00pm **HDF ATL**  
 9:00am **Liturgy St. Athanasios**

**Recurring Ministry Meetings - go to: [stphilothea.org/calendar](http://stphilothea.org/calendar) for details**

<b>A.C.T.S.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue every other month	9:00 am – 1:00 pm →Feb. 5
<b>Grief Support</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mons	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Jan. 7,21
<b>Men's Lunch</b>	Every Wed	12:00 pm / Mannaweenta Rest.
<b>Mother's Day Out</b>	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues Jan. 15	10:00-1:00 pm
<b>OCF</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue Jan 8 & 22	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
<b>Parish Council</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed Jan 16	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> Thurs	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Tbd	
<b>Vespers or Parakleseis</b>	Every Wed	6:30 pm

## **HYMNS & READINGS: January 6, 2019**

### **The Holy Theophany Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

#### **Apolytikion of the Epiphany**

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At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the Father's voice bore You witness by calling You his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of the Father's Word. O Christ our God, You have appeared to us and enlightened the world. Glory to You.

#### **Entrance Hymn**

**AGES**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us Save us, O Son of God, who were baptized in the Jordan by John.

#### **Kontakion**

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You have revealed Yourself to the world today, and Your light shines forth on us, who sing to Your praise with full knowledge: You have come to us, O Lord; You are made manifest, O inaccessible Light.

#### **Megalynarion**

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In You O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the race of mankind. O hallow'd temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virginal souls, from you our God was incarnate and became a child, He who is God from all ages. By making your womb His throne He made you more spacious, more spacious than all the heavens. In you, O woman full of grace all creation rejoices. Glory to you.

*Page numbers are from the Divine Liturgy Hymnal. AGES take from <http://www.agesinitiatives.com>*

#### *Baptism of Christ*

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The feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ the Holy Trinity appeared clearly to mankind for the first time—the Father's voice is heard from Heaven, the Son of God is incarnate and standing physically in the Jordan, and the Holy Spirit descends on Him in the form of a dove.

This feast is also sometimes referred to as Epiphany by English-speaking Orthodox Christians, but that name more properly refers to the Western Christian feast falling on that same day and commemorating the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus. The term epiphany does appear in some of the service texts for this feast, however.

Originally, there was just one Christian feast of the shining forth of God to the world in the human form of Jesus of Nazareth. It included the celebration of Christ's birth, the adoration of the wise men, and all of the childhood events of Christ such as his

circumcision and presentation to the temple as well as his baptism by John in the Jordan. There seems to be little doubt that this feast, like Pascha and Pentecost, was understood as the fulfillment of a previous Jewish festival, in this case the Feast of Lights. The Armenian Apostolic Church still keeps January 6 as a feast of both Christ's Nativity and baptism.

On this day church blesses the waters and this Holy Water, or *Ayiasmo*, is used to bless homes at the start of the New Year.

**Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 117.26,1**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.**

**St. Paul's Second Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

TITUS, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.



**The Gospel According to Matthew 3:13-17**

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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**Inquirers' Class** will meet next on January 9 at 7:00 pm at church.

**Meals for Michelle Hancock** If you would like to help with meals during this stressful time please see Dana Johns.

**Liturgical Calendars** are available today, please take one per family.

**House Blessing Sign-up Sheets** Please sign up to schedule a House blessing following Epiphany. Note we will add February 2 and rescheduled those from the Jan. 19 because of a conflict.

**End of the Year Statements** If you need an EOY statement of your 2018 stewardship donations for your taxes, please see Kate.

**Fall Foliage Tour: Vermont- to- Massachusetts**

**September 30 – October 7, 2019**

*Highlights Include:* Ben & Jerry's Factory, Trapp Family Lodge, Cabot Cheese Factory, Mount Washington Cog Railway, Kennebunkport, Salem, Boston's Freedom Trail plus optional Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology tour. WE HAVE 9 REGISTERED SO FAR -

**→This is also a fundraiser, so with each booking our church gets a commission! Reserve Today: <http://www.grouptoursite.com/ninalamson>**

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HR HOSTS	EPISTLE READERS	NURSERY MONITORS
Jan 6	Frank Vlahos	Pottier	Roy Stamey	Callie Demos
Jan 13	S.Cramer	tbd	Alan Lieftring	Stacey Cramer
Jan 20		M&A Salzman	Jacob Sparks	Christina White

-----On December 30, 2018-----

**Attendance:** ADULTS: 52 CHILDREN: 15  
**Receipts:** For the Week \$1,760 / Collections \$343  
 Bookstore: \$55, Capital Campaign \$1,100 Christmas Card \$30, OCMC \$269

**Marswood Hall Event**  
 Saturday: No event this week.

**MOD Meeting** Sun. Jan 27 following the Liturgy.

**Welcome to our Guests Today** –We look forward to meeting you after the Divine Liturgy in the coffee hour.

**New Book** Please follow the text of the new liturgy book especially the Creed and the Communion prayers. It will take a little getting used to, but William and I have been using it for the last three months, so it won't be totally unfamiliar.

**Parish Council** Will meet briefly today following the Divine Liturgy. **The New Parish Council** be sworn in on January 13 following the Divine Liturgy, followed by election of executive officers.

**Blessing of the Waters** will take place today following the Divine Liturgy. After Holy Communion and before Antidoron we will receive Holy Water. Each family is encouraged to take a bottle home with them and keep it in the refrigerator to receive every day with Antidoron before eating or drinking anything; as the water runs out add more to it and it will replenish the Holy Water.

**Blessing of the Vasilopita** will be on Sunday January 13, 2019. We need volunteers to bake Vassilopitas, please see Sarah Jones if you can help.

**Pledge Cards for 2019**, Thank you to those who have submitted Pledge Cards for 2019. So far, we have received 30 pledges for a total of \$89,476. Thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet submitted a card, please do so ASAP so the new parish Council can begin planning for the coming year.

**OCF** Our first meeting of the year is Jan. 8 at 6:30 pm. Place TBA If you would like to host a meal for our OCF please see Kate McClain. You can either sponsor a dinner for \$65, have the students to your home or cook and bring dinner to the church and participate in the discussion. We thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

**Coin Box Collection** Please give your coin boxes for OCMC to Mike McClain and take a new one to be turned in on Palm Sunday.

**Finance Committee Meeting** Monday Jan. 14 at 6:00 pm at the church.

**Prayer Garden Meeting** Jan. 20 following the Divine Liturgy.