

**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**AFTERFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND  
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17**

**Troparion — Tone 1**

**When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan / the worship of the  
Trinity was made manifest / for the voice of the Father bore witness to  
You / and called You His beloved Son. / And the Spirit, in the form of a  
dove, / confirmed the truthfulness of His word. / O Christ, our God, You  
have revealed Yourself / and have enlightened the world, glory to You!**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Archpriest Paul, Protospyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery, Halyna (Klima), Sergey, John, Francis, Anna, Birgin, Richard Matthews, Tanya and John Francis.

**\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\***

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**VENERABLE MARTINIAN, ABBOT OF BELEZERSK** - Saint Martinian of White Lake, in the world Michael, was born in the year 1370 in the village of Berezniko, not far from the Cyrilov monastery. At age thirteen he left his parents and went secretly to Saint Cyril of White Lake (June 9), whom many described as a great ascetic. The young Martinian began zealously to imitate his teacher, with whom he dwelt in complete obedience. At the monastery he studied reading and writing, and with the blessing of Saint Cyril, he occupied himself with the copying of books. In time Martinian was ordained deacon and then hieromonk. After the death of Saint Cyril (+ 1427), Martinian withdrew to a deserted island on Lake Vozha. Several monks gradually gathered around him. Saint Martinian established for them the church of the Transfiguration of the Lord and introduced a general Rule for the inhabitants. Yielding to the persistent requests of the brethren of Therapon monastery, he consented to become igumen of the monastery and brought it into an improved condition. Saint Martinian gave spiritual support to Great Prince Basil in the difficulties of his time, when his first-cousin Demetrius Shemyaka illicitly sought the Moscow throne. He was always an advocate of truth and justice. Afterwards, upon the entreaty of the Great Prince, the saint accepted the governance of the monastery of Saint Sergius of Radonezh. In 1455, Saint Martinian returned to the Therapon monastery. In his last years he was grievously ill and not able to walk, so the brethren carried him to church. He died at age 85. His relics were uncovered in the year 1514, and this event is celebrated on October 7.

### Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5pm Saturdays

**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays

**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

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### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of January**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of January**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of January**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of January**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of January**  
**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> of January**  
**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

#### Thank you

Sincere thanks to Timothy Katchur, Seth Fleishman, and choir members of the HSOC as well as all altar servers for all their work during Nativity Season and Theophany Season. May God grant you many blessed years!

#### Many Blessed Years

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of January, Joseph Naron, Lyssa Naron, and Leliana Aguila were baptized and chrismated into Holy Orthodox faith. Please remember newly received servants of God in your prayers.

#### Holy Water

During the feast of the Holy Theophany water has been blessed and it is currently available in the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church. Please take some and bring it to your home.

#### Blessing of the homes

We are again with the opportunity to bless the homes of all our parishioners. If you would like your home to be blessed, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact Father Michael at [pejovicveljko@gmail.com](mailto:pejovicveljko@gmail.com). Blessing of the homes is a wonderful opportunity to bring the joy of the Holy Theophany into your home.

#### Announcement Regarding Matushka Olga's Canonization

The Holy Synod has decided that Matushka Olga's liturgical glorification will take place at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Kwethluk, AK, with the Vigil and Glorification taking place on the evening of Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in Kwethluk on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. For more information, please follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/announcement-regarding-matushka-olgas-canonization-services-and-feast-day>

#### Sussex Help Center Announcement

Recently Dan Taylor had a meeting with the Sussex Help Center Food Pantry. Their requests are for soups or stews and items for school lunches for children. This is an ongoing HSOC outreach program and thank you for your support and contributions.

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

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