

33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus of Belgrade (ca. 315). Ven. Irenarchus, Recluse, of Rostov (1616). Ven. Eleazar of Anzersk Island (Solovétsky Monastery—1656). Martyr Peter of Anium, at Hieropolis (ca. 309-320). St. James (Jacob), Bishop of Nisibis (350). St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers (4th c.). Ven. Maximus Kavsokalyvites (Mt. Athos—1320).

Ephesians 4:7-13

Mathew 4:12-17

Go into a church on the eve of Epiphany while the Great Blessing of Water is being celebrated. Listen to the words of the prayers and hymns, pay attention to the rite, and you will feel that there is more here than merely ancient ritual: it has something to say to us today... about our life and our perpetual and unquenchable thirst for purification, rebirth renewal. In this celebration water becomes what it was on the first day of Creation, when "the earth was without form and void" [Gen. 1:2, read at Vespers]. The words of the service echo this praise and thanksgiving: "Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your works, and there are no words which suffice to hymn Your wonders..."

Once again, a beginning. Once again, humanity stands before the mystery of existence. Once again, we experience the world joyfully and we see its beauty and harmony as God's gift. Once again, we give thanks. And in this thanksgiving, praise and joy, we once again become genuine human beings. The joy of Epiphany is in the recovery of a cosmic experience of the world, in recovering faith that everything and everyone can always be washed, purified, renewed, reborn; and that regardless how dirty and clouded with mud our life has become, we always have access to a purifying stream of living water.

... As the priest sprinkles volleys of blessed water around the church, those glittering drops fly as if throughout the whole world, making that world once again a possibility and a promise, the raw material for a mysterious miracle of transformation and transfiguration. God Himself entered this water in the form of a man; He united Himself not only with humanity, but with all matter, and made all of it a radiant, light bearing stream flowing toward life and joy.

-- by Fr Alexander Schmemmann, *Celebration of Faith Vol.2*

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 13.....9:30am Third Hour
 9:45am General Confession
 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Jan.20.....9:00am Choir Rehearsal
 9:30am Third and Sixth Hours
 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Welcome to all our visitors.

Please join us for coffee hour today.

Thank you to Fr. David and Matushka Kerri for hosting such a lovely open house last week. A wonderful way to start the new year.

HOME BLESSINGS- this week

Today-Sun. Jan 13th

Starting at 1pm – Mine Hill, Roxbury
 Kunis Blazo

1:30-4pm – Newton, Andover
 Czesak Dardaganis Krawchuk

4:30-5:30pm Hackettstown
 Wirhanowsky Chesniak

Mon. Jan. 14th

6-7:30pm – New Providence, Martinsville
 Connerat Babiak

Wed. Jan. 16th

6:00pm Procopiuc

COFFEE HOUR –No one has volunteered to host coffee hour for the remainder of January and all of February. Contact Sandi Masklee at simasklee@gmail.com or any member of the Care Committee to volunteer for future socials or to ask questions.

PRAYER LIST- This section of the church website is 'password-protected' in order for us to share specific information in our requests for support from Holy Trinity worshippers without violating privacy. If you feel comfortable doing so, please share enough detail to identify the people and their needs when contacting Matushka Kerri at matkerri@gmail.com with prayer requests. Keep checking the church website as it is frequently updated www.holytrinityrandolph.com

LOST & FOUND-A key was found in the parking lot last Sunday. It is on the candle counter.

PIEROGIES – The Pierogi Store is open every Sunday. Contact Jeanne Connerat at momipc@comcast.net for any special requests.

AMAZON SITE- please use the Amazon Associates link when shopping online: www.amazon.com/?tag=holytrinorthc-20

The sons of the world consider distraction to be something innocent, but the holy fathers recognize it to be the origin of all evils. The person who has given up to distraction has, concerning all subjects and even the most important ones, a very light most superficial understanding. One who is distracted is usually inconstant. The feelings of his heart usually lack depth and strength; and therefore, they are not solid but transitory. As a butterfly flits from flower to flower so also a distracted person passes from one earthly satisfaction to another, from one vain care to another.

+ St Ignatius Brianchaninov

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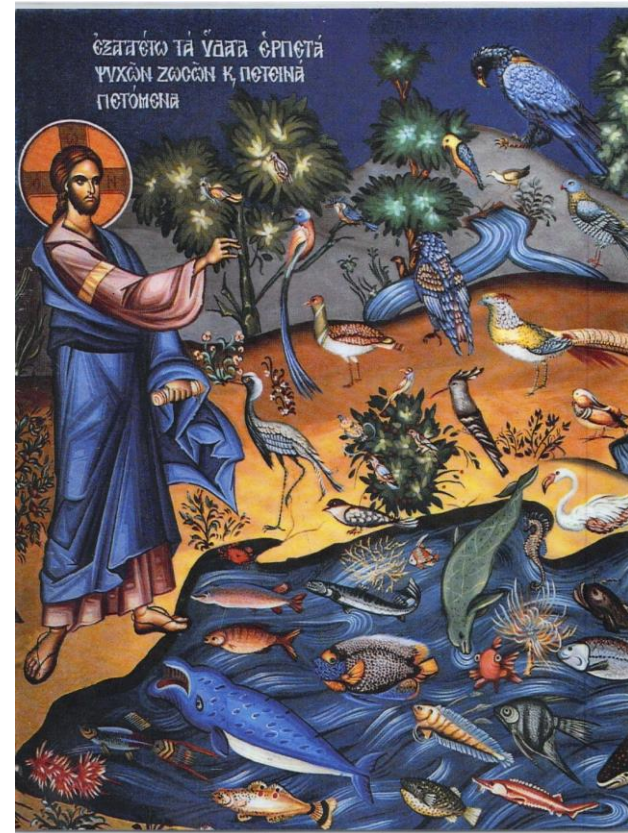
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Icon of Christ blessing creation

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