

HOLY THEOPHANY ORTHODOX CHURCH “

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

“The Church is a hospital, and not a courtroom, for souls. She does not condemn on behalf of sins, but grants remission of sins. Nothing is so joyous in our life as the thanksgiving that we experience in the Church. In the Church, the joyful sustain their joy. In the Church, those worried acquire merriment, and those saddened, joy. In the Church, the troubled find relief, and the heavy-laden, rest.” ~St John Chrysostom

Location of Services: Holy Theophany Church, N2107 State Road 67, Walworth, WI 53184

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him.



The wise men journey with a star, since for our sake the God before the ages was born as a young Child. (Nativity Kontakion)

Schedule of Services for November 2023

[All services (except Reader’s Vespers) will be live-streamed unless otherwise noted.]

All liturgies are those St John Chrysostom except for Christmas Day Hours for Sunday Liturgy start at 9:40 AM.]

- **Friday, Dec 1, 5 PM – Catechumenate Class: #2 History, Sacraments, and Feasts of Orthodox Church (Fr Geroge)**
- **Saturday, Dec 2, 5 PM – Readers Vesper**
- **Sunday, Dec 3, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy**
- **Tuesday, Dec 5, 5:30 PM – Vesperal Liturgy for St Nicholas of Myra**
- **Saturday, Dec 9, 5 PM – Readers Vespers**
- **Sunday, Dec 10, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy preceded by General Confession**
- **Saturday, Dec 16, 3 PM – Preparation of Baskets for Christmas Outreach.**
- **Saturday, Dec 16, 5 PM – Great Vespers with Litya**
- **Sunday, Dec 17, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Forefathers**
- **Thursday, Dec 21, 5:30 PM – Akathist in Preparation for the Nativity of Christ**
- **Sunday, Dec 24, 10 AM – Divine Liturgy, Sunday before the Nativity**
- **Sunday, Dec 24, 5:00 PM – Readers Vespers**
- **Sunday, Dec 25, 10 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great for the Nativity of the Lord**
- **Wednesday, Dec 27, 5:30 PM, Akathist for the Repose of those Who Have Fallen Asleep**
- **Saturday, Dec. 30, 5 PM – Readers Vespers**
- **Sunday, Dec 31, 10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

Holy Theophany Orthodox Church Nameday Celebration
Saturday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7, 2024
His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel, Diocese of Chicago and the Midwest
will visit and worship with us during this celebration

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Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Festal Divine Liturgy followed by the Great Blessing of the Water, Saturday, January 6, 10 AM

Archpastoral Visit by His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel
Great Vespers, Saturday, January 6, 5:00 PM
Divine Liturgy, Sunday, January 7, 10 AM
Followed by a reception for Archbishop Daniel



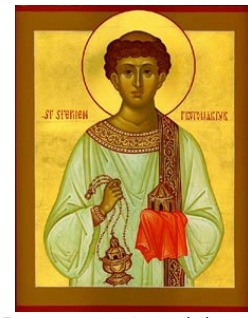
St Nicholas of Myra



St Herman of Alaska



Sunday of the Forefathers



Protomartyr & Archdeacon
Stephen

Christmas Outreach Project (2023)

- Baskets to be prepared for 13 families through The Big Foot Area School District in Walworth
- Baskets will contain Walmart gift cards and a range of items
- Baskets to be assembled at HTC on December 16 at 3 PM before Vespers
- Donations via check, cash, or church website most welcome
- Please contact Maria Klesmith at mklesmith@outlook.com or at 262-275-0449 if you would like to help. (See the pdf file attached with bulletin that has more information.)

—A Reflection on the Nativity of Christ—

He was a baby and a child, so that you may become a perfect human.

He was wrapped in swaddling clothes, so that you may be freed from the snares of death.

He was in a manger, so that you may be in the altar.

He was on earth, so that you may be in heaven.

He had no place in the inn, so that you may have a mansion in the Kingdom.

He, being rich, became poor for your sake,

He chose to lack for Himself, so that He might be bound for all...

The sobs of that humbled infancy cleanse me; those tears wash away my sins.

—St Ambrose of Milan, Commentary on Luke 2:6

Thanks for service to Holy Theophany Church in November 2023! *Cleaning the Church and Parish Hall:* Filitsa Amirsakis, Olga Buranicz, Mary Kanelos; *Christopher Thies, Alex Cook, Lamont, Prospect;* *Prospora Bread:* Filitsa, Mary K.; *Music/chanting:* Adela Fazio, Maria, David, & Sofia Klesmith, Kristy Danna, and everyone participating in community singing; *Artos:* Pres. Anastasia, Mary K; *Stewardship:* Thanks to everyone who provides financial support for us; *Reading:* Pres. Eileen, Christopher, Damian Constantinescu, Alex, Kristy, Lamont, Maria & Sofia, Joseph, and Olga; *Service in the sanctuary:* David, Christopher, and Giovanni Wilson; *Setting up for services:* Mary, Pres. Eileen, Pres. Anastasia, and Lamont; *Attendance Report:* Bessie Mantes; *Coffee Hour:* Maria & David K., Mary, Filitsa, Kristy, Bessie, and everyone who provides food or beverages; Sincere apologies if we overlooked anyone for the help they provided.

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