

ST. NICHOLAS WEEKLY BULLETIN JANUARY 4, 2015 THIS WEEK'S NEWS

A **VESPERAL LITURGY** with the **Great Blessing of Water** will be celebrated **Monday evening, January 5th, a 6:00 pm.** This Eve of Theophany is observed as a strict fast day.

THANKS TO THE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS for working the Orthodox Food Center on behalf of our parish yesterday. Our regular commitment is the first Saturday of the month from 9am to noon. About 4 people are needed. If you can help in this worthwhile ministry, please speak with Nicole Apostola or Lisa Mielnicki. Our next Saturday is February 7th.

THE COAT DRIVE CONTINUES for the rest of December into January at the Orthodox Food Pantry. There is particular need for men's large and extra large coats, but all kinds of coats, hats and gloves are needed. If you have good, clean and usable articles, please consider donating them. Bring them to the Church or **contact Lisa Mielnicki at:** lamielnicki@gmail.com or text her at 508-340-1547.

THE 2015 CHURCH CALENDARS in both English and Romanian are in! They are available in the Narthex. A

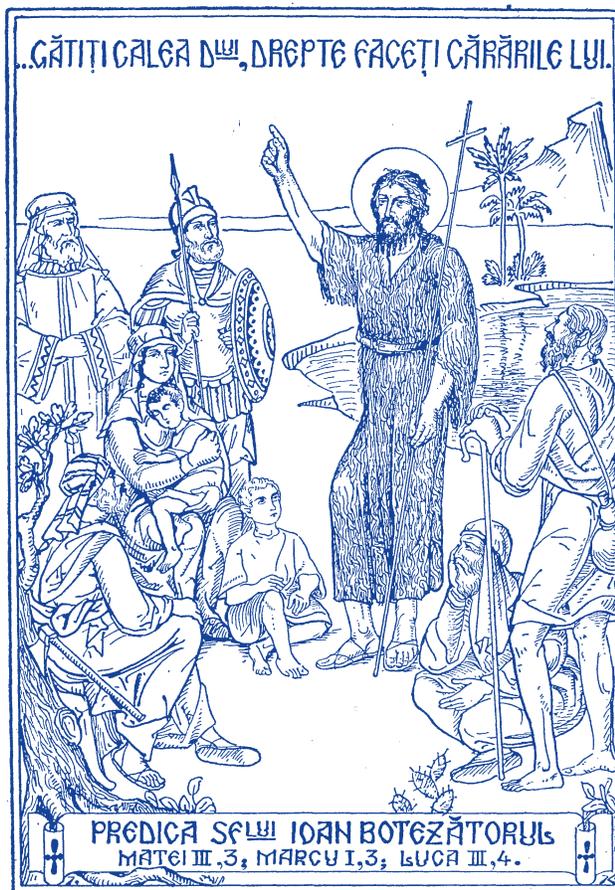
GREETERS TEAM 2:

MARY ANNA DYMEK &
MARGARITE LANDRY

COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP CREW A:

MARGARITE LANDRY, FLAVIA GURAN,
CHRISTINE MASTERJOHN
& KATINA COCAVESSIS

ALL ALTAR SERVERS INVITED



THE SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

EPISTLE: 2 TIMOTHY 4:5-8 ☩ GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

TONE 5 ☩ MATINS GOSPEL 8

small donation toward their cost would be welcomed.

THE BLESSING OF HOMES AT THEOPHANY will begin on Wednesday, January 7th, and continue until all homes are blessed. As in the past, we will be setting times to bless your home. If there is a specific time that is more convenient for you, please e-mail or call (508-845-0088) Fr. Nick to arrange it.

A NEW PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE ELECTED IN JANUARY, (the two-year term of the Parish Council expires this year). Please consider offering a stewardship of your time in this important ministry. We also are asking for

people to serve on other Parish committees, if you'd like to focus your efforts in a particular area or project. However you'd like to serve, please speak with **Fr. Nick**.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS ARE NEEDED for the coming weeks. Please speak with Presvytera Maria if you would like to sponsor one.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE is being organized by **Fr. Timothy Lowe**. The dates are **April 23 to May 10, 2015**. If you are interested, speak with **Fr. Nick** for more details.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Holy Trinity Nursing & Rehabilitation Center & Holy Trinity Hospice are Orthodox Charities and rely on your donations to continue the mission of providing the best care possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon, Jan 5 Vespertal Liturgy for Theophany
Great Blessing of Water, 6 pm
- Wed, Jan 7 Great Blessing of Water
at Holy Trinity, 9:30 am
- Sat, Feb 7 Staff Orthodox Food Pantry
- Fri, Feb 20 Mustard Seed Meal, 5 pm

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NAMEDAYS

January 1

St. Basil the Great

William Cocavessis
 Bryan Donabed
 William Keimig
 Vasia Lolo
 Vasilika Lolo
 William Polymeros
 Valarie Stamoulis
 Vasilika Tanko
 William Tsoules

January 6

The Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Francis Polymeros
 Jordan Sparages

January 7

The Holy Prophet and Forerunner

John the Baptist

Rev. Fr. John Daly
 Nița Dumitriu
 Sean Fahey
 Ian Mayer
 John Rucho
 John David Thoren

January 12

St. Tatiana the Martyr of Rome

Tatiana Sofia Karadimitriou

January 17

St. Anthony the Great

Anthony Theodore Christo
 Scott Anthony Maynard
 Anthony Rucho
 Tony Nicholas Trakadas

January 18

St. Athanasios Patriarch of Alexandria

Thanas Lolo
 Arthur Peterson

January 22

The Holy Apostle Timothy

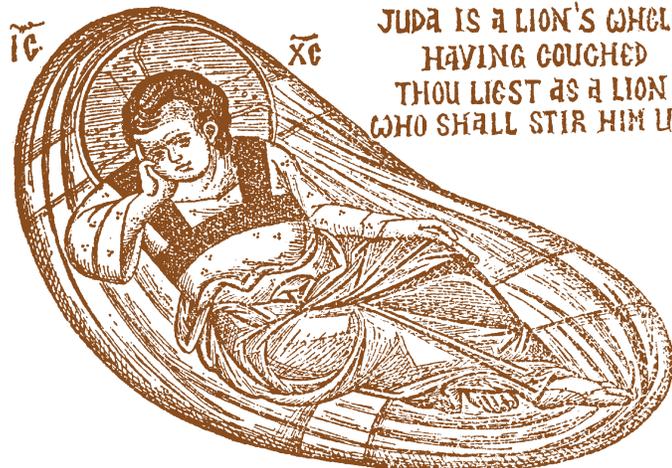
Rev. Fr. Timothy Lowe
 Timothy Rucho

A PRAYER OF FR. LAURENCE

LET US PRAY TO THE LORD,

LORD, OUR GOD, LIGHT OF ALL THE WORLD: The brilliance of this feast of lights dazzles the eyes of our souls. For today you enlighten us with the intimate knowledge that you are three in one. Today, you enlighten us by the appearance and manifestation of the Lord Jesus in the Jordan. Today, you enlighten us with the understanding that your salvation is for all peoples without exception. Therefore, by the never-fading radiance of your light, rescue us from the power of darkness and make a place for us in your kingdom. Fill us with your glory and reveal the splendor of your presence to every nation, that we may all find forgiveness of our sins and true freedom.

For you are indeed our God, the Father of lights, and we give glory to you, your co-eternal Son, and your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit: now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.



JUDA IS A LION'S WHELP:
 HAVING COUGHED
 THOU LIEST AS A LION,
 WHO SHALL STIR HIM UP?

