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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022
THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ENLIGHTENMENT

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THEOPHANY WEEK

Sunday, January 9:	11:00 a.m. – Sunday Divine Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• * <i>For the Intention of our Holy Spirit Parish</i>• + <i>George Bacasa by Miss Mary A. Dzurichko</i>
Monday, January 10:	8:30 a.m. – First and Third Hour
Friday, January 14:	8:30 a.m. – First and Third Hour 6:30 p.m. – Divine Liturgy
Sunday, January 16:	<i>The Twenty-ninth Sunday After Holy Pentecost</i> 11:00 a.m. – Sunday Divine Liturgy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• * <i>For the Intention of our Holy Spirit Parish</i>• + <i>Amelia Petrilak (1st Anniversary) by Mrs. Theresa Carr</i>

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

TODAY IS THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ENLIGHTENMENT....

On this Sunday in the post-festive period of the Feast of the Holy Theophany, we continue our celebration of the revelation of the Trinity at this Jordan event. In the early Christian Church, the Holy Mystery of Baptism customarily was referred to as the “enlightenment.” Furthermore, it was the usual practice in the Church of antiquity to administer the enlightenment (baptism) on the Theophany Feast since Jesus’ own baptism was commemorated on this great feastday. Thus, those catechumens who were ready to become full-fledged Christians were initiated into the Church on the Holy Theophany through the Mystery of Baptism. On this **Sunday After The Enlightenment**, our Byzantine Catholic Church asks us to reflect upon the relevance and personal effect of our own BAPTISM. We have been initiated into Jesus’ community of “Chosen People,” and we have been exposed to JESUS’ LIGHT. We have tasted the sanctified Jordan waters, and we have been invested with Christ Himself as our “Garment.” Have we lived as though we are part of Jesus’ Church? Are we genuinely committed to Him? Has baptism been our personal “enlightenment?”

House Blessings....

Traditionally, the blessing of Holy Water marks the time for us to get our homes blessed. Fr. Michael will be looking to arrange a time to come out and bless your home. You can either await his personal phone call or reach out to him at the Holy Spirit Rectory 412-687-1220 or E-mail him at FrMichaelKunitz@gmail.com to schedule a time for him to come out and give your home a blessing..

Fr. Michael’s (Average) Weekly Schedule (effective starting Jan. 10, 2022)

Monday: First and Third Hour 8:30-9:00 AM
Confessions: 9:00-10:00 AM (or by appointment)
Holy Spirit Office Hours: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Tuesday: Unavailable except in cases of emergency
Friday: First and Third Hour 8:30-9:00 AM at Holy Spirit Parish
Confessions: 9:00-10:00 AM, 5:00-6:00 PM (or by appointment)
Divine Liturgy 6:30-7:45 PM
Saturday: Sick Calls and Home Visits 12:00 PM-5:00 PM
Sunday: Confessions: 12:15-12:40 PM

Fr. Michael Kunitz M. Div. Quick Biography

Born in Dearborn Michigan and raised in the surrounding environs of the greater Detroit area, Fr. Michael was a vocation raised from St. Stephen's Byzantine Catholic Church in Allen Park. He attended St. Mary's Preparatory Catholic School in Orchard Lake Michigan and would go on to attend Aquinas College in Grand Rapids Michigan, where he would meet his future wife Panni Janine. He graduated with Honors in Theology and dual major in History before being accepted as a seminarian at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, where he would graduate with his M. Div. in 2020. His seminary career saw him assigned at several parishes across the Metropolia, including:

St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church in Munhall PA
St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church in Allen Park MI
St. Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church in Brecksville OH
St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair PA
Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glenn IL
Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Tarentum PA
St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Merrillville IN

After teaching Theology and Religious Studies at Marquette Catholic Highschool in Michigan City, IN, he and his wife formally moved to Pittsburgh to serve the Archeparchy with the prayers and recognition of Bishop Milan Lach. He served as the Cathedral Deacon at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Munhall before being ordained to the Presbyterate on December 11, 2021, by Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla. Please keep him and Panni Janine in your prayers as they are expecting their first child, Simeon John, later this month.

In Case of Emergency:

If there is a Sacramental emergency and you cannot conventionally reach Fr. Michael, you may leave a message with his personal cell phone at 734-657-3715. An emergency is defined as a situation where someone has either died or is in the face of imminent death and requires the Sacraments. Leave your name and phone number and Fr. Michael will get back to you ASAP