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**Services for the week of Dec. 29, 2019**

Monday - The Holy Martyr Anysia

**No Services**

Tuesday - Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Christmas.

Our Venerable Mother Melany of Rome.

**No Services**

Wednesday - Circumcision of Our Lord/Basil the Great

**Divine Liturgy, 10 am**

Intention: Frank Nowak

Offered by: Susan Hlebasko

Thursday - Pre-festive Day of Theophany

**No Services**

Friday - Pre-festive Day of Theophany

**Royal Hours, 6:30 am; 9 am, 12 pm and 3pm**

Saturday - Saturday before Theophany

**Great Vespers (w/ confessions), 5:30 pm**

Sunday - **Matins 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy 9:30 am**

**Luncheon to follow**

**Great Vespers for Theophany, 1pm**

**Blessing of Lake Michigan, 3pm**

**Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Glory to Him Forever!**

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**Weekend Services:**

**Saturday:** Vespers, 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Matins, 8:30 a.m.  
Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturday after Vespers,  
9 am Sunday, or by appointment.

**Sacraments:**

Contact Parish Office

**Served by:**

Fr. Andrew Summerson, S.Th.D.,  
Administrator  
Deacon Timothy Woods, M.A.

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Rose Baranko, Laura Ieraci, Lisa  
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**Parish Finance Council:**

Peter Baranko, Laura Ieraci, Peter  
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Victoria Cox McCullough

✠ **Upcoming Events** ✠

**Lake Michigan Water Blessing**  
 Christ has come to renew all of creation! Witness this yourself Sunday January 5, 2020, at 3 p.m. for our second annual blessing of Lake Michigan for the Feast of Theophany. The blessing will take place at the Hammond Port Authority, 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, Indiana 46320. Refreshments will follow.

**"Encountering Christ: The Incarnation Today"**

Fr. John Behr is a British Orthodox priest and theologian. He is regarded as one of the most important contemporary voices in historical theology today. Join us Sunday, January 19, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as he teaches us how to encounter Christ from the perspective of the Fathers of the Church. A luncheon will take place at 12 p.m. and the talk will be from 1-3 p.m.

**Financial Peace University**

St. Mary parish will offering Financial Peace University again in the new year. Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will teach you how to beat debt and build wealth! St. Mary's will offer Financial Peace University in the rectory, starting Sunday, January 26, at a reduced cost of \$99. To sign-up for the nine-week course, go to: [fpu.com/1106188](http://fpu.com/1106188). For info, contact Laura leraci at [lauraieraci@yahoo.ca](mailto:lauraieraci@yahoo.ca).

**Thank you**

Laura and I want to thank all of you who helped out this December. Between the sing-a-long, cookie sale, and Christmas services, we have a lot to be proud of here at St. Mary's. I also want to thank all of you who got us gifts for Christmas—it is much appreciated. We are grateful to be a part of your lives in Christ, endeavoring to show you his beautiful face through our worship and common life together.

**Theophany Schedule**

Because the feast falls on Monday, there is a peculiar schedule:

Friday January 3

Royal Hours 6 a.m./9 a.m./12 p.m.

Sunday January 5

Vespers @ 1 p.m.

Blessing of Lake Michigan 3 p.m.

Monday January 6

Matins 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy w/Water Blessing 6:30 p.m.

Theophany is an older feast than Christmas and one of the 12 Great Feasts of the year. Make a priority to celebrate it in its fullness.

**House Blessings**

Father's goal is to bless all the houses with the new Jordan water this year. Please sign up on the board or call the rectory for a time...or he will call you!



✠ **Prayer List** ✠

Please Pray for:

**PARISH FAMILY**

Rose Arendas, Paul Bednar, John Beno, Arlene Bartko, John Bartko, Helen Brown, Ann Rose Chicvara, Robert Clark, Lori Davis, Mary Guiden, Mary Hric, Anne Marie Heusinkveld, Luke Jarman, Katherine Jorkon, Barbara Jupin, Joyce Kane, James Kuss, Ann Mantich, Marlene Mantich, Irene Mateja, Janet Mateyko, Frank Novak, Lisa Sulich, John Yurkanin, Michael Yurkanin, Stacia Yurkanin.

**RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Joy Armstrong, Blythe Baranko, Stephanie Baranko, Dillon Buenrostro, Greg Canner, Fr. Michael Evanick, Patsy Hale, Jon Kalena, Rose Kovach, Joan McEnery, Margaret Myers, Millie Myers, Mary Ochs, Wanda Onesko, Sophie Peterson, Rose Rodish, Ruth Sandidge, Jack Strisko, Margaret Sutcliffe, Betty Woods, Milton Woods.

✠ **Reminders** ✠

**Agape Sign-up**

The sign-up for Agape, our weekly after liturgy social, is on the bulletin board near the entrance.

✠ **Tithes & Offerings** ✠

**Collection**

**(12/22, 12/25, Cookie Sale)**

12/22:.....\$12,116\*

\*We acknowledge a distribution of \$10,000 from the Eleanor B. Leese Trust

12/25.....\$2,127

Cookie Sale numbers will be coming next week!

From the Apostolic Fathers:~  
 "Almsgiving is therefore as good as repentance from sin. Fasting is better than prayer, but almsgiving is better than both. Love covers a multitude of sins but prayer from a good conscience rescues from death. Blessed is every man who is found full of these things for almsgiving lightens sin."  
*2 Clement*

The Byzantine Catholic Church is one of the 23 Churches of the Catholic Communion. We are Eastern Orthodox in our faith, theology, spirituality, and liturgical expression, but enjoy the fullness of communion with the Pope of Rome. We welcome Catholics in good standing and Orthodox—with permission from their pastor—to participate in the Holy Eucharist.

