

IF NOT A MEMBER;

Think about this. Our life is short. How are we going to live it? How shall we prove our love of God and neighbor? How can we intercede for those who die and were indifferent to Christ and His Church? Let us find the answers to these questions and amend our life in a hurry, before it is too late. Remember that belonging to the Body of Christ opens Paradise for us. Therefore, O lovers of God, let us come and activate our faith and all her virtues, which we have received as gifts from God at our Baptism. When we submit an annual financial pledge or offer regular donations, that only reflects what is in our heart; and as the Gospel says, “Where your treasure is, there is your heart also.” Christ is lovingly waiting for each of us. Will you respond to Him?
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BLESSING OF HOMES – Fr. Timothy will be blessing homes at your convenience. Please call the rectory at 313-937-2120 or see Fr. Timothy in church if you want your home blessed.

BLESSING HOMES

The Feast of Theophany commemorates the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The church commemorates this with the Great Blessing of Water, and the Church is blessed with this sanctified water. Since our homes cannot be brought to the Church, the Church – through the priest – goes to the home. Traditionally, in most Orthodox parishes, the priest personally visits his parishioners each year to pray with them in the place where they live, and to bless their surroundings with the newly sanctified water of Theophany. It has been the practice of Orthodox Christians for centuries to have their dwellings blessed. By sanctifying our living quarters, our private place, we extend the grace of God to our individual dwellings. All the rooms are sprinkled with holy water (New dwellings are anointed with the sign of the Cross with holy oil on each of the four outer walls). At the conclusion of the blessing, the inhabitants are blessed with the holy water.

When the priest comes to bless our homes, he asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year!

CHURCH DONATIONS: Please note, if you do not want your donations for special intentions published in the bulletin or newsletter mark your envelope “**Do not publish**” or mark it “anonymous”.

PARASTAS:

Fr. Timothy will resume praying for the departed members of family and friends on the 3rd Sunday of every month starting next Sunday, January 15, 2022. Thank You!

CHARITY DONATIONS:

Munaco Family	\$ 500.00
Charity Collection	\$ 70.00
Poor Box	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

THE TRUTHS OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH

- 1. There is One God, manifest in three equal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**
- 2. As a Judge, God is just. He rewards the just through the Kingdom of Heaven and punishes the wicked through eternal damnation.**
- 3. God the Son became mortal man to save all mankind from eternal damnation.**
- 4. The human soul is immortal.**
- 5. The grace of God is an absolute necessity for salvation
(Faith of Our Fathers)**