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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

**Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request**

**CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! GLORIFY HIM!**

**Sunday January 10, 2021**

**Epistle: Eph 4: 7-13**

**Gospel: Matt 4:12-17**

**PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH:** Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Mildred Cislo, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Brian Kurtyka Ryan Kerrigan, Frances Munaco, Sonia Kurtyka, Nancy Hawkins, Jim Fisher, Mark Sudia, John Saba, Susan Telep, Michael Kerrigan, and Bradley Webster.

Please continue to pray for those who are afflicted with the Covid 19 virus, as well as those who put their lives on the line administering to the sick, and also for those who serve our communities – police, emergency personnel, firemen, government officials, and those working to provide necessities for us.

**BE SAFE - PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY**, sanitize your hands, and safely social distance yourself from others when moving about in church (communion, venerating the cross etc.). Do not let your guard down.

**MITTEN TREE:** The Sunday School is again sponsoring two Mitten Trees. The trees are in the vestibule of the church. The children's goal is to collect mittens, scarves, and hats (new items for adults and children) to be distributed after Christmas to those who are less fortunate. Please support their endeavors by bringing your contributions in and placing them on the Mitten Tree. Thank you.

**DECEMBER COLLECTION:** During the month of December we will be collecting personal care items and cleaning products for Redford Interfaith Relief. This organization provides help to needy people in Redford and nearby communities. They are in need of the following items: toilet paper, laundry soap, fabric softener, disinfectant cleaning products (Lysol, 409, Fantastic), toothpaste, tooth brushes, tissues, deodorant, baby diapers, baby wipes, feminine products, shave cream, and shampoo (if you are a traveler – hotel travel size personal items are great). They are also in need of children's socks and underwear. Please bring your donated items to church during December and place them in the box provided in the church vestibule. Donations will be taken to RIFR this coming week.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** Once again Dr. Nancy Hurchik-Munaco has your new church envelopes for 2021 in the church for the new year. Please don't forget to pick up your envelopes and **please start using them NOW**.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS:** If anyone would like to take home a Christmas Poinsettias after Divine Liturgy today, please do. Check to see if they need to be watered. **Thank you** to those who donated towards the flowers for the Holy Feast of the Nativity of Christ.

**BAPTISM (Taken from “Faith of Our Fathers”)**

In the Sacrament of Baptism, the Holy Spirit cleanses the soul of sin so that the human soul enters into a relationship with God through grace and is received into the fellowship of true believers. Those baptized receive forgiveness of original sin and are united with Christ in such a way as to receive the full benefits of His redemption. They are mysteriously reborn into a spiritual Christian life. Those who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism are not permitted to receive any of the other Sacraments of the Church.

In the Baptism ceremony, the priest breathes into the face of the one being baptized three times. By this he signifies that through Baptism the breath of life has been granted, just as God breathed into the nostrils of Adam, the first man. The three times indicate the life-giving Trinity.

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the brow of the one being baptized three times to signify that by personal disgression the one baptized is separated from unbelievers. The brow is considered the center of disgression. The placing of his hand on the head of the one being baptized by the priest indicates that the newly baptized has taken refuge in the Church.

A circle is symbolic of eternity; thus, the font is circled three times with lighted candles, the censer and songs, typifying that the newly enlightened, through baptism, has entered into a union with Christ. This also is symbolic of future spiritual happiness.

The immersion into water during Baptism signifies burial with Christ and the lifting following immersion is symbolic of resurrection with Christ to a new life.

“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.” (John 3: