



## CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### BULLETIN OF JANUARY, 2 2011

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

##### **St. Seraphim of Sarov**

8:30a.m. Greeting of Met. Jonah  
8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Chrismation  
Divine Liturgy  
Festal Luncheon

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

##### **Eve of Theophany**

7:00p.m. Compline  
Blessing Of Water

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

##### **Theophany of the Lord**

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy  
7:00p.m. Great Vespers

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

##### **Old Calendar Christmas**

8:40a.m. Hours  
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30a.m. Orthros / Divine Liturgy  
@ St. George's in OC  
12:30p.m. Blessing of the Atlantic  
@ Carousel Hotel in OC  
5:00p.m. No Bible Study  
6:00p.m. Great Vespers

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

8:40a.m. Pre-baptismal Prayers  
9:00a.m. Baptismal Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

#### **Please Remember in Prayer**

Melvin Woodell (newly-departed), Don Coughlin, Karen Nichols, Michelle Wilson, Howard Peters, Irene Clenney, Denise Royal, Gabriela Jones, Scott and Maryann, Roman Szvec, Mat. Dunia, Patti Lease, Garrett Cuppels, Bill & Kathy Parrish, Frs Michael & Andrew, Monk Christian, Jane Koshutko, Robert Evanusa, Nicholas & Linda, Nicholas, Anna, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Jaroslav, Troy, Frank & Mary Miranda, Kathy T., Bruce, Julia Plisko & family, Stella.



#### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Today, as we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Christ the Savior Mission, we welcome His Beatitude Met. Jonah to lead us in the divine services. It is a joy to have our diocesan bishop here with us on this special occasion. We likewise warmly welcome all of our visitors both from near and far. It is good to have you all here with us!

#### **Chrismation of Lee Krempel – Sunday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Today, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, it will be our joy to welcome Lee Gregory Krempel into the Orthodox Church by Holy Chrismation. Lee's patron saint is St. Gregory of Nyssa. The Chrismation will be performed by Met. Jonah, and will take place immediately before the Divine Liturgy. May God bless him!



#### **New Catechumens – Sunday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Today, it is also our joy to welcome into the catechumenate, Andrew and Kelly Hageman and Chris and Laurie Morsey and their respective families. Met. Jonah will formally enroll them following the Gospel. May the Lord continue to guide and lead them!

#### **Special Luncheon – Sunday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Following the Liturgy, there will be a luncheon in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mission. Absolutely everyone is invited! It will be held at the Lighthouse Sound Restaurant, 12723 St. Martin's Neck Road, Bishopville, MD (right off Rt. 90 Bridge). Directions on page 2.

#### **Blessing of the Atlantic Ocean – Saturday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>**

On Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will join St. George's for their annual Blessing of Waters, served at the Atlantic Ocean. The services will be led by Met. Evangelos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. Matins and Liturgy will begin at 8:30am. The Blessing of Waters will take place at 12:30pm. All invited! For more info, please see Fr. John.

#### **Baptism of Eric Daniel – Sunday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**

On Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have the baptism of Eric Daniel. The baptism will take place with the Liturgy. There will be no Hours on this day, but we will start the pre-baptismal prayers at 8:40am.



#### **Annual Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

All asked to please attend on 1/23! Council meeting on Sun., 1/16.

#### **READER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>**

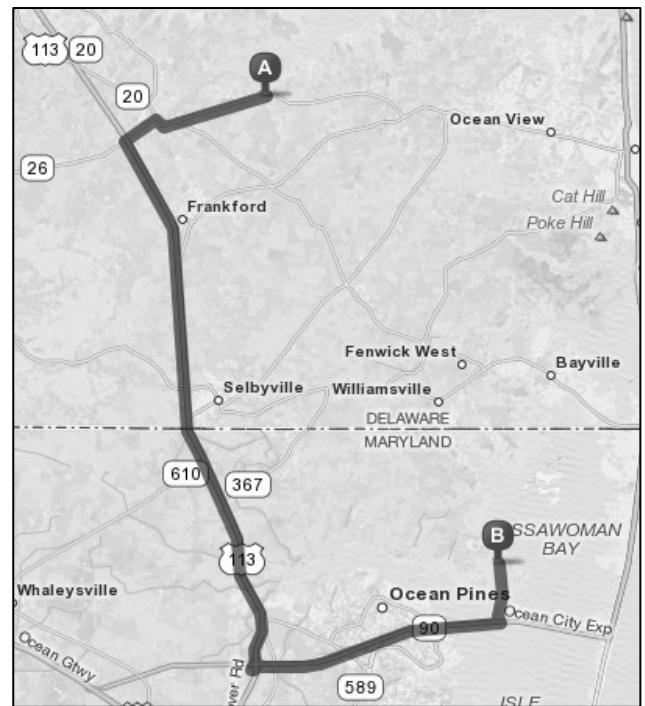
Bruce Eckerd




**Sunday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Jodi McElwee

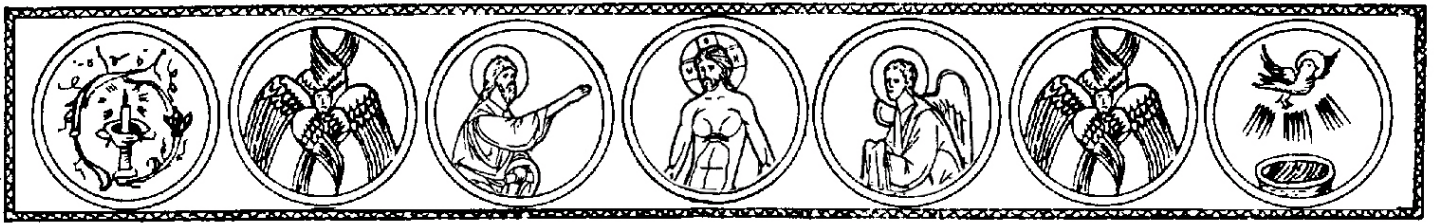


**DIRECTIONS TO THE LIGHTHOUSE SOUND RESTAURANT  
12723 ST. MARTIN'S NECK ROAD, BISHOPVILLE, MD  
(RIGHT OFF RT. 90 BRIDGE)**



A	<b>30838 Vines Creek Rd</b> Dagsboro, DE 19939-4385	<b>Miles Per Section</b>
●	1. Start out going WEST on VINES CREEK RD / SR-26 toward FALLING POINT RD. Continue to follow SR-26.	Go 2.6 Mi
↶	 2. Turn LEFT onto CLAYTON ST / SR-26. Continue to follow SR-26. <i>SR-26 is just past SWAMP RD</i>	Go 0.8 Mi
↶	 3. Turn LEFT onto DUPONT BLVD / US-113 S. Continue to follow US-113 S (Crossing into MARYLAND). <i>US-113 S is just past ROYAL BLVD</i>	Go 12.1 Mi
↗	 4. Merge onto MD-90 E toward OCEAN CITY.	Go 5.7 Mi
↶	5. Turn LEFT onto ST MARTINS NECK RD. <i>If you reach COASTAL HWY you've gone about 2.3 miles too far</i>	Go 1.3 Mi
●	6. 12723 SAINT MARTINS NECK RD. <i>Your destination is just past SAVANNA CT</i> <i>If you reach VISTA WAY you've gone about 0.1 miles too far</i>	Go 0.01 Mi
B	<b>12723 Saint Martins Neck Rd</b> Bishopville, MD 21813-1684	22.6 mi

Total Travel Estimate: **22.57 miles - about 31 minutes**



## The Theophany of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

### Celebrated on the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of the Month January

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by the St John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine "those who sat in darkness," and "in the region of the shadow of death" (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of St Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast.

There is a third century dialogue about the services for Theophany between the holy martyr Hippolytus and St Gregory the Wonderworker. In the following centuries, from the fourth to ninth century, all the great Fathers of the Church: Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, John of Damascus, commented on the Feast of Theophany.

#### Troparion - Tone 1

When Thou, O Lord, was baptized in the Jordan the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee and called Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ, our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this Feast, which is sung at Orthodox services even today. St John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but "to bury human sin by water," to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify "the nature of water" and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.



On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Indivisible.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27).

On the day of Theophany, all foods are permitted, even if the Feast falls on a Wednesday or Friday.

*Translation by Fr. Stephen Janos from the "Reference Book for Clergy-Server"*

#### Kontakion - Tone 4

Today Thou hast shown forth to the universe, and Thy light O Lord has shone on us, who with understanding praise Thee. Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light unapproachable.

