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Christ is Baptized in the Jordan!

Services	Sat., Jan. 18 th	Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
	Sun., Jan. 19 th	Our Holy Father Macarius the Great and St. Mark of Ephesus Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am

This month's Parish Council meeting is on **January 14th at 7 pm.**

Epistle

(Ephesians 4:7-13)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore He says:

*“When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men.”*

(Now this, “*He ascended*” – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Gospel

(Matthew 4:12-17)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*“The land of Zebulun and the land of
Naphtali,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles:
The people who sat in darkness have seen a
great light,
And upon those who sat in the region and
shadow of death
Light has dawned.”*

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*”

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and
mind
for Sunday's Liturgy.

Next Week: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Gospel Reading:

Luke 18:35-43

Holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

In about the early third century, Tatiana was born of wealthy and eminent parents in Rome. She became a Christian and served as a deaconess in the Church. When persecution broke out against the Church there, she was among those arrested. Refusing to worship the gods (but praying instead to Christ, to the rage of her interrogators), she was sentenced to be tortured and killed.

Her torture was particularly drawn out—she was flogged, disfigured, and torn with iron hooks. Seeing the courage and steadfastness of the woman, some of her guards were themselves converted. When she was at last brought to the public arena to meet the lion, the public was especially anxious to see the daughter of a distinguished citizen suffer. But the lion, when released, did her no harm. She was at length executed by beheading in about the year 225.

Announcements:

Word has been received that Michael Hatalowich's father, ***George Hatalowich***, fell asleep in the Lord this past Thursday. George's viewing and funeral will be held in the Church. Visitation will be on Wednesday, however, the time will be published in the *Mon Valley Independent*. The parastas will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Our sympathies and condolences are extended to the Hatalowich Family. May his Memory be Eternal!

Friday, January 24th, is the annual "March for Life" (marking the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in the U.S.) in Washington DC. Our Parish will be open from **12 Noon to 6 pm** for anyone who wants to come and pray during the day. ***Your prayers are requested for ALL to remember God's most precious and sacred gift to us ~~ life!***

Per Father Stephan: *"The house blessings have been going very well so far. At this pace, I will be fattened up nicely in preparation for Lent!"*

Don't forget: To submit your Home Blessings Envelopes this year.

The **2020 Church Calendars** have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

Collection: Jan. 5th: \$1,266