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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Services	Fri., Jan. 6 th	Feast of Theophany Hours Divine Liturgy <i>with the Great Blessing of Water</i>	8:45 am 9 am
	Sat., Jan. 7 th	Great Vespers with Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Jan. 8 th	The Venerable George Chozebite; The Venerable Dominica; St. Gregory of Bulgaria Church School Hours Divine Liturgy River Blessing <i>Holy Resurrection, W. Brownsville</i>	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am 2 pm

Epistle

(Colossians 2:8-12)

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Gospel

(Luke 2:20-21, 40-52)

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.

When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*;

but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances.

So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

And He said to them, "**Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?**"

But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17

Announcements:

Fr. Stephan and Matushka Denise wish to thank everyone who expressed holiday greetings through cards, gifts and messages. May God grant you many rich blessings this Christmas and in the year to come!

ALSO ~~ Thank you for all of your prayers. Fr. Stephan had his follow up review with the surgeon this past Thursday and has been given the "All Clear" to resume normal duties. Thanks again.

We have received THANK YOUs from some of the seminarians and their families! Stop by the vestibule bulletin to see the beautiful picture of The Thompson Family along with their note of thanks and also the notes of appreciation from the Robertson and Hamann Families. Our gifts were very much appreciated! Please remember them in your prayers.

40th Day Memorial Service for Wayne Sepitko: Plans are being finalized for the 40th-day memorial service at the church on **Thursday, January 5th at 1 pm** followed by a reception in the church hall.

2023 River Blessing: The River Blessing service will take place on **Sunday, January 8th at 2 pm.** The service will start inside the church at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in West Brownsville and then proceed to the bridge over the river for the blessing. After the River Blessing, hot coffee/tea and refreshments will be served.

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

House Blessings: It will soon be that time of the year again for the house blessings. Father Stephan will be working on a schedule. **Please let him know if there are any changes to your address and/or phone number.** He will contact you before he arrives. Don't worry about your mess, Father Stephan has had a lot of life experience with a house full of people and stuff. Traditionally one would want to have at least one clean spot with a clean white cloth that has a bowl of blessed water, an icon, candle, and a fresh herb that can be used for the blessing and later as seasoning.

Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, January 8th.**

The **2023 Church Calendars** have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

Save the Date: Our Annual Parish Meeting is set for **Sunday, February 5th.**

A Note from Council ~~ Don't forget: If you have any changes/updates to your phone/cell number, e-mail address or home address, please let us know. Please drop off any new information at the candlestand or give to Mary Merella to help us keep the information on our contact lists up-to-date. Thanks!

Interested in learning how to make Prosfhora? If interested, please let either Marie or Mary know. A demonstration/class is on the horizon.

Reminder: Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.