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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Epistle: Acts 19:1-8  
Gospel: John 1:29-34  
Tone: Six

St. John The Baptist

### THE EPISTLE

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

IN THOSE DAYS, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesos. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

### THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life in Christ of the Maaya family.

The Coffee Reception this morning in the Church Hall is offered by the Samman Families: Emil and Ann and Emil Jr. and Laura. We ask our parishioners NOT TO WAIT to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception. Please look ahead; this is a vital part of our parish life. The chart is posted in the "Coffee Room," and the items needed are listed both in that room and on our Web Site (see our web page address above). This does not have to be a fancy event; just "coffee'n" See Barbara Di Novi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please TAKE YOUR TURN, perhaps with another family.

1. **HOLY OBLATIONS (OFFERING) BOOK.** The new pages for the year 2018 are being prepared to receive the names of our family members. NEW COMMEMORATIONS BEGIN TODAY, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>. We remember our loves ones on Names Days, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc., and also when we want to remember our beloved departed ones. Please record these names as soon as possible. PRINT CLEARLY: DO NOT WRITE! and remember MEMORIAL SERVICES are scheduled ONLY by speaking directly with Father or secretary Genny Mandalakis (Do not write memorial services in the Holy Oblations Book; this list is for the Great Entrance Commemorations only.)
2. **Women's Guild Holiday Dinner:** January 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Women's Guild post Holiday dinner at Madeline's Petit Paris in Northvale. The price will be \$38.00. Men are welcomed. The dinner will begin at 6:30 PM. Attend for some post holiday fun. See Margaret Klarer or Valerie Allen for any additional details. You may give them your checks.
3. The Women's Guild would like to thank all the parishioners for the warm clothing that they brought for those less fortunate.
4. The first PARISH COUNCIL MEETING for the year 2018 will be held on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM SHARP! Please be on time!
5. Today we will bless the water for EPIPHANY (January 6<sup>th</sup>), immediately after Liturgy. Church School will begin at 10:00 AM this morning so the children, along with the entire parish will be blessed with the Sanctified Water. As has become our custom, home visitation will not be done during the winter months. Parishioners can arrange a home blessing with Father Michael when the winter months have passed.
6. **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** is the celebration of our **PATRONAL FEAST DAY of St. Anthony the Great!** St. Anthony is recognized as the "Father of Monasticism" in both the Eastern and Western Churches. You will soon receive a letter from Father, sent to the entire parish regarding this day. It is our "Identity Day!" **PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY!** It will include the meaning of the day, as well as the procedure for the day. Please follow the instructions.
7. After the Liturgy, we will bless the loaves, the Artoclasia, and in the spirit of this Family Day, we will then share a Patron Day Brunch. There is NO CHARGE for this day; we expect to see all our children present! This "identity day" is OUR day as a community united in love and faith; it is a day of celebrating "who we are and what we do!"
8. When you receive my letter, please consider what I write to you seriously, and respond accordingly. Since this is "our" day, I pray that you will please ponder my words: then fill out the PLEDGE CARD you receive, place it in the accompanying envelope, and BRING IT TO CHURCH on the 21<sup>st</sup>; these will be collected and PLACED ON THE ALTAR as a sign of our pledge (our vow) to God. We look for a pledge from every person and family in our parish!
9. **HOW TO APPROACH THE CHALICE:** When you are approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, please CROSS your arms over your chest, SAY your full baptized name, TILT your head slightly back, and OPEN your mouth wide. Please keep your arms folded until you are far from the Chalice, and of course, this is NOT a time for conversation anywhere in the Church. The rule is absolute silence during the distribution of the Eucharist. Only the Choir should be heard.
10. The Women's Guild is hosting a silent auction for 2 orchestra tickets to the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater's performance of Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo: A Very Intimate Acoustic Evening. The tickets will be kept at 'will call' so you do not have to be in church to win. Please contact Hanneh Kalyoussef or Betty Gakos to place your bids! Remember all profits go to the Women's Guild so bid generously. Winner will be announced on Sunday, January 28. Thank you and good luck.