

Theophany House Blessings

Father Dennis will begin blessing homes following the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Theophany** this Saturday, January 6th.

The schedule has been mailed out, and is also available at the Candle Desk. If you cannot meet Father on the day you are scheduled, or if your name is not on the list and you would like him to bless your home, call him at (203) 598-4678.

Konizmat

We are now accepting bids for the **2018 Konizmat**. Bids may be submitted until Sunday, January 21st, and the Icons will be distributed on Sunday, January 28th.

Forms have been mailed out and are also reprinted on the last page of today's **The Martyr**.

Offering Envelopes & Calendars available

The 2018 **Offering Envelopes** and **Wall Calendars** (courtesy of Commerce Hill Funeral Home) are now available at the Candle Desk.

General Parish Meeting scheduled

The **General Parish Membership Meeting** has been moved to Sunday, January 21, 2018. We will be electing Parish Council members and discussing important needs of our parish community.

Please plan to attend.

Teuta members: Save the Date!

The **Teuta Ladies' Society** has scheduled its **Holiday Luncheon** for Sunday, January 14, 2018, at Ralph 'n' Rich's in Bridgeport. The cost will be \$34 per person.

Contact *Elsie Gartsu* for details or to make your reservations.

News from the Women's Council

The *Orthodox Women's Council's* annual drive for **Pajamas for Kids** (infants to 18-year-olds) is continuing through March. (Please note, sweat pants will work for the 18-year-olds).

If you would like to contribute **new** pajamas, a container is located in the Church Hall. Thank you for your participation.

Charity Collection

This month, our **Charity Collection** will be sent to the **Hockey Has Heart** organization in Detroit, Michigan, which is collecting money to help **Fr. Dimitrie Vincent**, Pastor of our St. Thomas Church in Detroit, in his recovery from a spinal cord injury.

Please be generous!



Acts 19:1-8

In those days it came to pass, while Apollos was in Corinth, that Paul crossed the upper districts and went to Ephesus. He found some of the disciples and asked them, "Have you received the Holy Spirit since you became believers?" But they answered him, "We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "How then were you baptized?" They replied, "With John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One who was to come after him, that is, Jesus Christ." Hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the LORD Jesus, and when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in tongues and to speak for God. They were about twelve men in all. Then for three months he went into the synagogue, speaking confidently, arguing with them and convincing them about God's Kingdom.

John 1:29-34

At that time John saw Jesus coming to him, and he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the One of whom I said, 'After me there comes One who has been set above me, because He was before me.' And I did not know Him. But that He may be known to Israel, for this reason have I come baptizing with water." And John bore witness, saying, "I beheld the Spirit descending as a dove from heaven, and it hovered over Him. And I did not know Him. But the One who sent me to baptized with water said to me, 'The Man upon whom you will see the Spirit descending and hovering, He it is who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Veprat e Apostujve 19:1-8

Në ato ditë, kur ishte Apolloi në Korint, Pavli, pasi shkoi nëpër anët e sipërme, erdhi në Efes; edhe si gjeti disa nxënës, u tha atyre: "A morët Frymë të Shenjtë, kur besuat?" Edhe ata i thanë: "Por as nuk kemi dëgjuar në ka Frymë të Shenjtë." Edhe ai u tha atyre: "Në se pra u pagëzuat?" Edhe ata i thanë: "Në pagëzimin e Joanit." Edhe Pavli tha: "Joani pagëzoi pagëzim pendimi, duke i thënë popullit t'i besojnë atij që do të vinte pas atij, domethënë Jisu Krishtit." Edhe ata si dëgjuan, u pagëzuan në emrin e ZOTIT Jisu. Edhe si vuri Pavli duart mbi ata, erdhi Fryma e Shenjtë mbi ta, dhe flisnin gjuhë e profetizonin. Edhe gjithë këta ishin rreth dymbëdhjetë burra. Edhe si hyri në sinagogë, u fliste me guxim, duke kuvenduar tre muaj me radhë e duke i bindur për punët e Mbretërisë së Perëndisë.

Joanit 1:29-34

Në atë kohe, Joani sheh Jisuin duke ardhur tek ai, dhe thotë: "Ja Qengji i Perëndisë, që ngre mëkatin e botës. Ky është ai, për të cilin unë thashë: 'Pas meje vjen një burrë, i cili është më i madh se unë, sepse ishte përpara meje.' Edhe unë s'e njoha; po që t'i shfaqet Izraelit, për këtë erdha unë duke pagëzuar me ujë." Edhe Joani dëshmoi, duke thënë se pashë Frymën duke zbritur nga qielli si pëllumb, edhe ndenji mbi të. Edhe unë nuk e njoha; por ai që më dërgoi të pagëzoj me ujë, ai më tha: Ai mbi të cilin të shohësh Frymën duke zbritur e duke qëndruar mbi të, ky është ai që pagëzon me Frymë të Shenjtë. Edhe unë pashë e dëshмова se ky është i Biri i Perëndisë.