Sunday, January 3, 2021 ~ Sunday before Epiphany

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8 Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Gospel According to Mark 1:1-8 The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

	Live streaming from Holy Cross: https://www.holycrosspgh.org/church-live-stream
Monday, Jan 4	
Tuesday, Jan 5	9am Royal Hours of Theophany 10:30am Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil Blessing of Water
Wednesday, Jan 6	Theophany/Epiphany 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy Great Blessing of Water
Thursday, Jan 7	St. John the Baptist 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 7pm Effective Christian Ministry via Zoom
Friday, Jan 8	
Saturday, Jan 9	5pm Vespers

The urns of white poinsettias by the Altar are given in loving memory by the Family of William B. and Ponny Conomos, and by the Gidas Family in loving memory of Peter S. Gidas.

> The many beautiful **poinsettia plants** are given to the glory of the Christ Child . . .

(in no particular order as dozens were received in the mail or dropped off daily or on Sundays...)

In loving memory of:

†George Naves from the family of George Naves (4 plants) †Marty Pyros, †Liberty Pyros, and †Victor & †Esther Greco from Kyrk, Kathy & Athena Pyros (3 plants) †Marios, †Eftyhia & †Chris Kafantari from David and Matoula Rice (3 plants) Dr. †Thomas and Mrs. †Niki Birris from Kathy and Tom Frommeyer (2 plants) †Steve Lagios from Pam Lagios and Carole Lagios (2 plants) †Ann and †George Sweda from Joan & Margaret Sweda (2plants) †Markos J. Xenakis & †Veronica Xenakis from Dean and Ronnie Stambolis (2 plants) Loved ones of †Gianoutsos, †Sofis, †Trilivas and †Straw families from Patricia Trilivas (2 plants) †Jim Uduschas and †Frances Kricos from Lambros and Ria Viores (2 plants) †Nick and †Katina Karavas from Patti & Jack Collage (2 plants) *†*Helen Zervos and *†*George Zervos from Joanna Zervos (2 plants) †Maria Elderkin from James, Mary & Alexander Portellos †Alex and †Angie Portellos from James, Mary & Alexander Portellos †Alexander & Helen Avlon from Art & Christina Avlon †Stella Kalaris from Art & Christina Avlon †Michael Andrews from his wife Aliki Andrews †George C. Rangos, Jr. from Beth Rangos †Pete Hronakes from Myrna Hronakes and children Peter Hronakes and Krista Sommer †Nick. †Angie and †George Manolios from Louis Manolios and Maria Slifer [†]John Babb from the Babb Family †Helen and †Speros Bukes from Bill and Sophea Chapas †Nicholas Bonaros from Helen Bonaros †Dino Kristakis from Kathleen Kristakis Their parents, †Louis and †Cula Melis, from George Pat, Terry, Karen and Denise Their Papou and YiaYia, †Louis and †Cula Melis, from Matt, Lindsey, Kerri and Jennifer [†]Chrisanthos Demetrios Patrinos from Mrs. Ritsa Patrinos and family Mr. †James and Mrs. †Melissa Bardy from Nike Bardy and Joyce Karras Dr. & Mrs. †Constantine Moraitis from Henrietta and John Boggs Spike, Muffin, Spookie & Gus from Henrietta and John Boggs

For the health of:

Her family from Terpsie Katsafanas (2 plants) The Kladakis and Myers families Kyrk, Kathy & Athena Pyros Gus Kalaris from Art & Christina Avlon

> *In honor of:* Niki Aronson from the Babb Family