



## ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 5, 2020

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- We are all thankful Father George is once again back on his feet and recovered from the flu. Father George and Kh. Carol thank you for all your prayers.
- We are celebrating the Great Feast of Theophany today with the permission of Metropolitan JOSEPH. The Feast day is actually tomorrow but we are allowed to celebrate today to allow as many of our Parishioners as possible to celebrate the Feast. Father will be conducting the great blessing of water today as a part of the celebration of the Feast (which is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church).
- We congratulate Jeremy and Dorcas Soroka (and Xenia, too) on the birth of their daughter, Shushanik, who was born at 1:53 a.m., January 2, 2020 in Wilkes Barre, PA. She was 19 1/2 inches and 8 lbs 12.5 oz. at birth. May God bless Shushanik and her family and grant them all many, many years!
- Please remember our **Parish General Assembly and Election of Officers** will be held following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, January 12th**. Please plan from now to attend this meeting and be better informed as to what we are doing as a parish. We also would like to encourage you to consider running for the Parish Council. Please think about it and pray about it. We could use your input and help.
- The Parish Council is not meeting today but the annual meeting is next week.
- We are excited to learn Father George has been asked to be the spiritual advisor of a tour of the Holy Land that will take place in late April and early May, 2020. It looks like a really great trip and a great opportunity to visit the Holy Land! Please see Father George if you are interested.
- Please note our next Spaghetti Dinner will be this week on Thursday, January 9, 2020.
- We all enjoy the coffee hour and fellowship that follows the Divine Liturgy each Sunday. This is a special time that affords us the opportunity to visit with our fellow parishioners, catch up on what happened the previous week, maybe talk about next week and welcome visitors and new Parishioners to St. Mary's. However, we need the support of all our families in the Parish to continue with this lovely custom so please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate --- Think about it and make a plan to step up and sponsor a Coffee Hour ...