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A Joyous Ending to 2023 and a joyous beginning to 2024!

The Church is continually filled with new beginnings. In fact, every single day, we are given the opportunity to begin a-new by way of repentance and a re-kindled desire for Christ. There is never a moment when we are hindered from the way of repentance. Repentance from the heart then breeds inspiration. Inspiration will then always breed hope, "and hope does not disappoint." Let us therefore, seek daily the re-inspiration in our daily lives to be united to Christ our true God. In the Church, this way of salvation has been gifted to us. In love, Fr. Ambrose





Theophany Plunge 2021

TOWNHALL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28TH @ 6PM

DOWN IN THE PARLOR AND ON ZOOM

HEAR THE LATEST PARISH NEWS
VOICE YOUR IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS
HELP US WITH PROJECTS

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION - AS FAR AS WE CAN GET

BEAUTIFYING OUR WORSHIP

NURTURING THE PARISH FAMILY

- NEXT PIEROGI SALE
- SAFETY PLAN
- BEAUTIFICATION PLAN
- NEW BYLAWS

NOURISHING THE COMMUNITY FAMILY

IMPROVING EDUCATION

AFFECTING ALL THE ABOVE

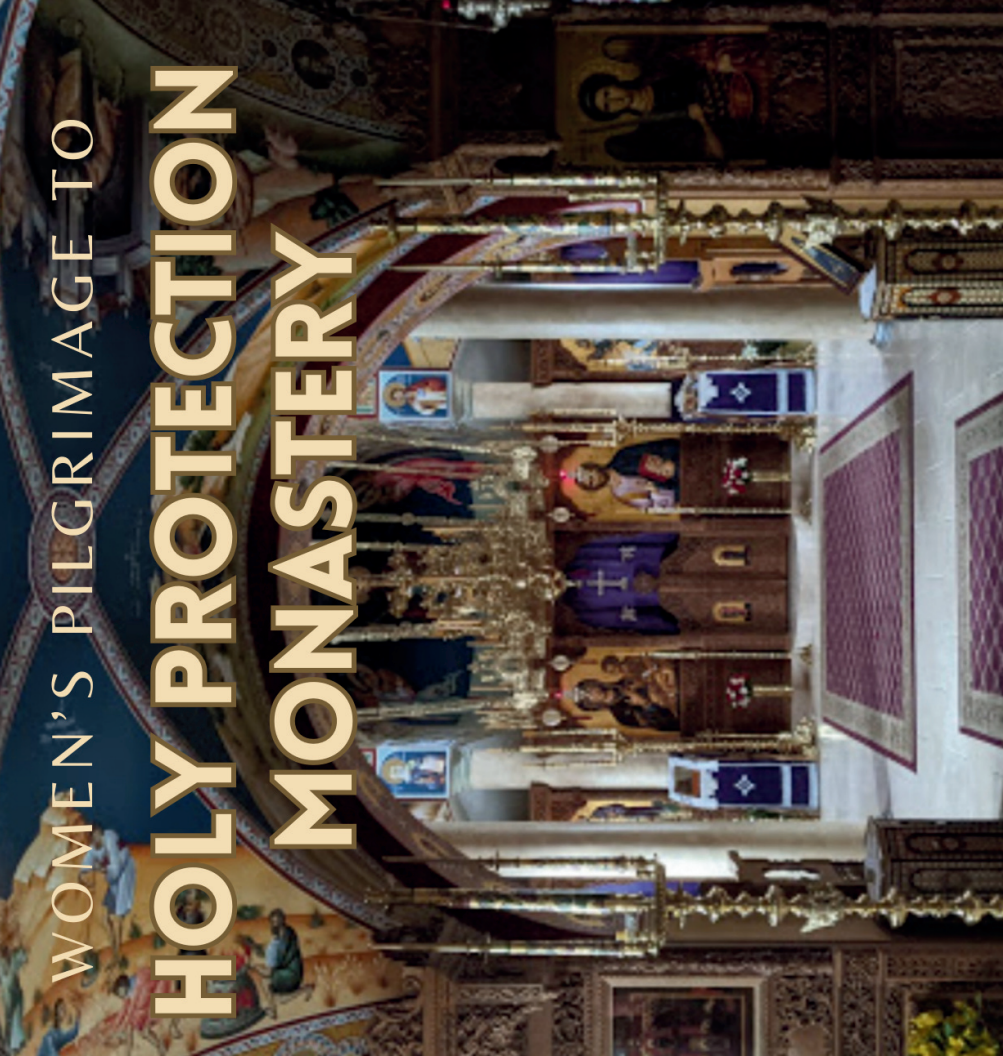
- POTENTIAL HALL/ CULTURAL CENTER 3D DESIGN PRESENTATION AND FINANCIALS.

Watch the
Theophany
Plunge Video
Here >



WOMEN'S PILGRIMAGE TO

HOLY PROTECTION MONASTERY



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH -
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

**PLEASE RSVP AT THE
QR CODE BELOW:**



WE CAN BRING UP TO 12
YOUNG LADIES, TEENAGERS,
AND/ OR ADULTS. WE'LL ALL
CARPOOL TOGETHER. WE'LL
LEAVE FROM THE CHURCH AT
9AM ON FRIDAY. SPEND THE
NIGHT AT HOLY PROTECTION,
AND THEN RETURN ON
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
PLEASE BRING A MONETARY
DONATION FOR THE
MONASTERY.

HOUSE Blessings 2024

I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SCHEDULE ALMOST
EVERYONE FOR A HOUSE BLESSING THIS YEAR.
THE SCHEDULES ARE IN THE BACK OF THE
CHURCH. PLEASE TAKE ONE. IF YOU DON'T SEE
YOUR NAME, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING TO YOUR
HOMES THIS YEAR!



FR. AMBROSE



ON RAISING CHILDREN

“The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together. Men will take up arms and even sacrifice their lives for the sake of this love. St. Paul would not speak so earnestly about this subject without serious reason; why else would he say, “Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord?” Because when harmony prevails, the children are raised well, the household is kept in order, and neighbors, friends, and relatives praise the result. Great benefits, both of families and states, are thus produced. When it is otherwise, however, everything is thrown into confusion and turned upside-down.”

+ St. John Chrysostom, Homily 20, Homilies on Ephesians

“When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life.”

+ Elder Paisios

“Whoever will not love his enemies cannot know the Lord and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches us to love our enemies in such way that we pity their souls as if they were our own children.”

+ St. Silouan the Athonite, Wisdom from Mount Athos: The Writings of Staretz Silouan, 1866-1938, I.11



“In children we have a great charge committed to us. Let us bestow great care upon them, and do everything that the Evil One may not rob us of them. But now our practice is the reverse of this. We take all care indeed to have our farm in good order, and to commit it to faithful manager, we look out for it an ass-driver, and muleteer, and bailiff, and a clever accomptant. But we do not look out for what is much more important, for a person to whom we may commit our son as the guardian of his morals, though this is a possession much more valuable than all others. It is for him indeed that we take such care of our estate. We take care of our possessions for our children, but of the children themselves we take no care at all. Form the soul of thy son aright, and all the rest will be added hereafter.”

— St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on 1 Timothy, Homily 9.

“What saves and makes for good children is the life of the parents in the home. The parents need to devote themselves to the love of God. They need to become saints in their relations to their children through their mildness, patience, and love. They need to make a new start every day, with a fresh outlook, renewed enthusiasm and love for their children. And the joy that will come to them, the holiness that will visit them, will shower grace on their children. Generally the parents are to blame for the bad behavior of the children. And their behavior is not improved by reprimands, disciplining, or strictness. If the parents do not pursue a life of holiness and if they don’t engage in spiritual struggle, they make great mistakes and transmit the faults they have within them. If the parents do not live a holy life and do not display love towards each other, the devil torments the parents with the reactions of the children. Love, harmony and understanding between parents are what are required for the children. This provides a great sense of security and certainty.”

— St. Porphyrios



February 2023

Note: If this calendar and The Weekly are different, assume The Weekly is the most accurate.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Martyrs of Russia 8:15am Ridesharing 8:45amHoly Confessions 9amChoir Rehearsal 9:10am3rd & 6th Hour 9:30amDivine Liturgy 11:15amAgape Meal 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9amFood Pantry Delivery 6pm Vespers 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Holy Hierarchs 9amDivine Liturgy 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8pmOCF @ SU 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pmVIgil for Meeting 9pmPanera Pick Up 9pmFood Recovery 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9amFeast for Meeting 9:30amSchools Pick Up Dinne 10amOutreach Street Food M 6:30pmWedding Rehearsal 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm Foundations 5pmGreat Vespers 5:45pmChoir Rehearsal
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