

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

The True Light of Revelation to the Gentiles

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illumines everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment of the

Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it," that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

St. Chromatius



Christ the Teacher - Pantocrator of Hagia Sophia

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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January 9, 2022

Sunday after Theophany

This Sunday: Epistle Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel Matt 4:12-17

Next Sunday: Epistle Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel Luke 17:12-19

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday 1/9	Parastas: +Amelia Botean by Family
Monday 1/10	No Liturgy
Tuesday 1/11	8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Howard Parker by Scott and Jaime Parker
Wednesday 1/12	8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Theresa Orlando
Thursday 1/13	8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Magdalene Florian by Family
Friday 1/14	8:00am Divine Liturgy: H/S of all sick of our parish
Saturday 1/15	No Liturgy
Sunday 1/16	10:00am Divine Liturgy

Church Bulletin donated in January 2022 by John Puia in memory of deceased family members.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner.

Coffee hour provided in the large hall by Chuck and Coleen Roska in celebration of January birthdays of the Family. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: January 2, 2022

Loose	\$27.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,317.00
Christmas	\$650.00
Candles	<u>\$65.00</u>
Total	\$2,059.00

Online Donations: <https://www.stgeorgeoh.org/donate> None

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
+Mom (four years)	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
H/S Me	Amparo
H/S All of our Priests	Amparo
H/S My Church Family	Amparo
H/S All my Friends	Amparo
H/S My own Family	Amparo
+Patricia Galida	William Galida
Special Intention: Kelli (Puia) Jones	John Puia
Special Intention	Anonymous
Special Intention	Anonymous
H/S Theresa and Tony Orlando	Dave and Debbie Murari
H/S All Family and Friends in 2022	Dave and Debbie Murari

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Amy Crown, Suzie Dragos, Joanne Black, Theresa Orlando, Connie McAdams, Maria Marcu, Amparo Adkins, Lance Downey, Sonya Paul, Bryan Pryce, John Contini, Missy Lawver, Veronica Maier, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Sick and/or homebound: Mary Cornea (Home), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville), Doris Rotar (Solaris Senior Living North Naples #127; 10949 Parnu St, Naples, FL 34109) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for January 2022 is donated by **Jesus and LeighAnn Del La Cruz for the repose of the souls of +Louis and +Bonnie Hanood.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for January 2022 is donated by **Ann, Monica, Victoria, Bernadette and Constance Unger in memory of +Aurelia Unger, mother, for 30th anniversary memoriam and +Victor Unger, father.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for January 2022 is donated by **Chuck Roska in honor of Coleen, Lauren and Celia's birthdays.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for January 2022 is donated by **Ileana Mihalteanu** in memory of **+Marius George, brother and +Tudorancea, father.**

Prescura for 2021: Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements

“For a synodal Church (journeying together)”. Please pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit for us to understand what He wants for us as individuals and a member of the Body of Christ, the Church. Prayer cards are on the table in the narthex. Talk with someone in the Chancery if you would like to be part of this important celebration in the Church. Look on the inside cover of the back of the calendar for more information.

+Teresa Orlando passed away January 6, 2022. Funeral will be on Wednesday, January 12 at 11:00 am at Saint George Cathedral. Calling hours will be on the same day from 10:00 AM. Memorial meal will follow in the hall. May God rest her soul in peace!

+Howard Parker, father of Michelle Parker and Scott Parker, passed away on January 4th. Funeral is on hold, due to sickness in the family. Will keep you posted. God rest his soul in peace!

There have been many requests for Fr. Ovi to do an **educational time about the Church**. He would like to do it during the Great Fast in March and April. Wednesdays are Presanctified Liturgy. Fish Frys are on Fridays. If you are interested in this, please let the office know which day would work best for your schedule. Requests for topics are accepted as well.

There are **pledge cards** on the narthex table. Please fill out and return to the office or put in the Sunday collection. Thank you for your support to help us budget properly for the upcoming year!

Sunday envelopes for 2022 are on the narthex table. Thank you for your commitment to our parish! St. George Cathedral calendars are ready for pick up with your envelopes!

“Frequently Asked Questions”: Could you please share any questions that you have that could be put in a pamphlet? Email them to annf@rcdcanton.org or write down and share with anyone in the office.

Prescura money is due for 2022. \$30 for the year can be paid to P-sa. Gabi. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Parish events:

As last year, Fr. Ovi will pray the **home blessings** for those who sign up. There will be no written schedule provided. Call Fr. Ovi, the office or sign up in the narthex if you would like him to come to your home between January 7 and 28, 2022 for prayers. Holy water bottles are available to take home on the Narthex table where the envelopes and calendars are located.

Stewardship Committee will meet virtually on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30pm. Contact Fr. Ovi for an invitation to the meeting.

Pastoral Council will meet in the small hall on Thursday, January 23, at 6:30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend and help to make the parish better!

Ladies Auxiliary News

Ladies, 2022 dues are \$10. Pay your dues to Carol Popa.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

At church, Charles Smith finished his Sunday school lesson. It was time for questions and answers. Up shot little Tony's hand.

“According to the bible, Mr Smith, the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. Right?”

“Right.”

“And the children of Israel clobbered the Philistines, right?”

“That's right, Tony.”

“And the children of Israel built the temple, right?”

“Right, again.”

“And the children of Israel fought the Egyptians and the children of Israel fought the Romans, and the children of Israel was always doing something important, right?”

“Oh that's right, too,” agreed Smith. “So what's your question?”

“What I want to know is this”, demanded Tony. “What were all the grown-ups doing?”

Do Something Beautiful for God by Mother Theresa

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and following the will of God.

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Aurora Xeloures – January 11th

Lauren Tsaftarides – January 11th

Cassia Parker – January 13th

Aidan Crown – January 14th

Sharon Purvis – January 14th

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	Holy Fathers Gregory,	Aurora Xelores's Lauren (Roska) Ven. Father	Abstinence Tatiana, martyr.	Cassia Louisa Mae Ermylus &	Aidan Crown Sharon Purvis' Abstinence Leavetaking of	Ven. Fathers Paul of	12th Sunday after Veneration of the
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7am							
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10am			Calling hours: +Theresa Orlando 10am - 11am				Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am			Funeral and Interment: +Theresa Orlando 11am - 1pm				
12pm							Coffee: Pete and Dodi Zbuka 11:30am - 12:30pm
1pm			Memorial meal: +Theresa Orlando 1pm - 2pm				
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							

Stewardship

Will Our Plane Ever Land?

Imagine one day you are flying high above the clouds in a wide-body jet. It has been a pleasant and comfortable trip. Some of the people who have helped make it that way are the crew of flight attendants that we used to call stewards and stewardesses. They have done just what a steward is supposed to do: Take good care of you for a time. But now your flight is about to end. Some announcements are made; you're asked to tighten your seat belts, etc. Finally you've landed and begin to taxi to the terminal. When the plane comes to a stop, you get out of your seat, stretch, grab for your coat, reach for your traveling case and head for the exit door.

As you reach the door and prepare to exit, suddenly that familiar steward steps in front of you, blocking the door. You say, "Excuse me, please," but it doesn't help. There he stands in front of the exit door. Arms crossed tightly, body erect, face stern, and he won't budge! As you try again to get past him, he adds a stern voice to the already stern face and says, "Hold it! You're not going anywhere!" Stunned, you ask what he means. He says, "You must remain on the plane." Then he grabs your arm and with the other hand takes your coat and case. He says, "You belong to me! You are mine! So is that stuff!"

Absolutely incredible! There's no way on God's earth you belong to him. He's just a steward who was supposed to watch out for you and take care of you

for a time. Now the time is up! Imagine what your reaction would be. You would be a combination of angry, stunned, and flabbergasted. *Perhaps those are the emotions God feels when he sees what kind of stewards we are?*



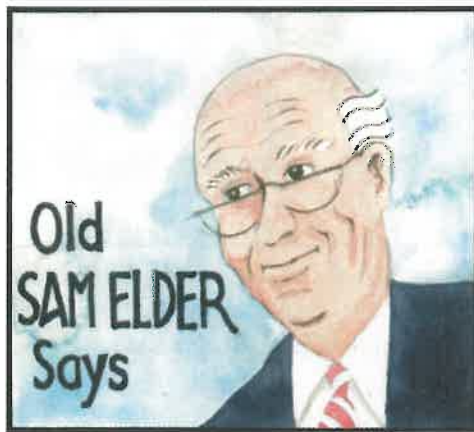
Everything we have ... our lives included, and all we "own" are really just on loan from God. God has made us stewards over them. Somehow we got it all goofed up and act like we own it all. Imagine how we must look? Arms crossed, body erect, face stern, voice sterner as we say, "Sorry, Lord! It's all mine! It belongs to me." We act as if our plane is never going to land!

Just in case we think being stewards is all that painful, that it is bread off our table, bills going unpaid, that God really cannot provide for those who trust him to keep promises, that "no one who puts their trust in me shall be put to shame...", consider the story about the widow's mite. This story from Mark's Gospel is about a number of things, but one thing it is certainly about is money. It is about

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The church should be supported by people who believe in the Gospel. Support of the church is a matter of Christian worship and always requires an offering, something of worth to the worshipper that is given in joy and reverence for the Kingdom.





Phil Paylater had a serious question for old Sam Elder. Phil asked, "When you say that I should give to God first does that mean I should give to the church before I pay my installment?"

"Phil, the way I see it is that the money you and I give to God should be ours to give," said old Sam.

"It's my money all right! I worked hard to earn it," protested Phil.

"Let's agree that you worked hard and earned it, but when you mentioned 'installment,' that says you spent some of your money before you earned it," Sam said.

"Yes, that's true. I promised to pay a small monthly installment," Phil agreed.


"OK. Then each month, that small installment is money that belongs to your creditor; it's not yours to give. Your gift to the church must come from your remaining income," Sam counseled.

"Hey, that's not good. That way the church always gets leftovers," argued Phil.

"No! You and I must manage our money so we can give to God first from money which is ours to give. We must manage the normal events of our lives, because we are all subject to abnormal events beyond our control," old Sam

advised.

"You're saying that I should manage well enough to pay both God and the Devil," Phil summarized.

"Yes! When you do that, you can control who gets money first," Sam pointed out. 

Catching the Rays!

The well-known Bible teacher, Keith Brooks, had just finished speaking to a large class of businessmen on the Christian's responsibility to be a "light" in the world. He emphasized that believers are to reflect the Light of the World, the Lord Jesus.

After the class, one of the members related to him an experience he had in his home, which had impressed upon him this same truth.

He said that when he went into his basement he made an interesting discovery. Some potatoes had sprouted in the darkest corner of the room. At first he couldn't figure out how they had gotten enough light to grow. Then he noticed that the cook had hung a copper kettle from the ceiling near a cellar window. She kept it so brightly polished that it reflected the rays of the sun onto the potatoes. The businessman said to Brooks, "When I saw that, I thought, I may not be a preacher or a teacher with ability to expound scripture, but at least I can be a copper kettle catching the rays of the Son and reflecting His light to someone in a dark corner."

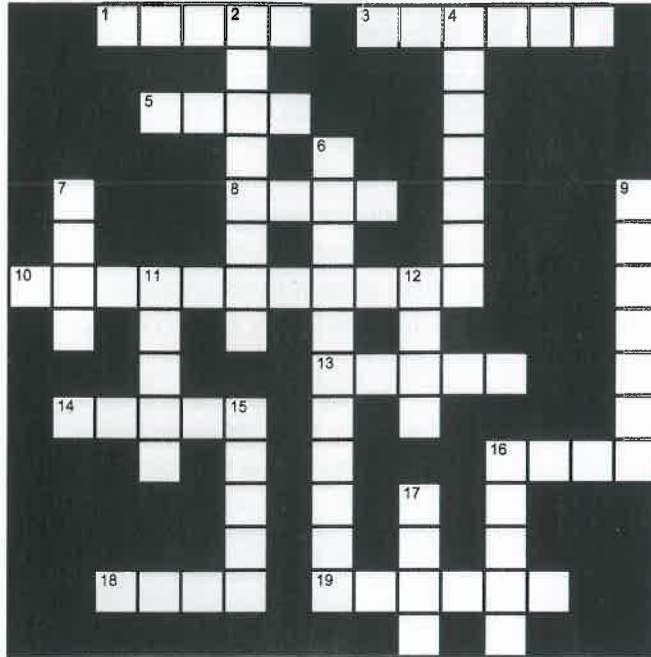
The gift of time

Scripture admonishes us, "choose you this day whom you will serve." We can use our gift of time in self-service. Or, we can take the higher road and use the gift of time in service to others and to our church. When we take that

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The act of giving is an act of life. Selfish living is really an indication of the poverty of our souls. More people refuse to give because of inadequate spiritual resources than because of inadequate material resources. Your money has life in it! If you use it for God, it spreads and grows and brings dead souls to life.

Stewardship Crossword Puzzle



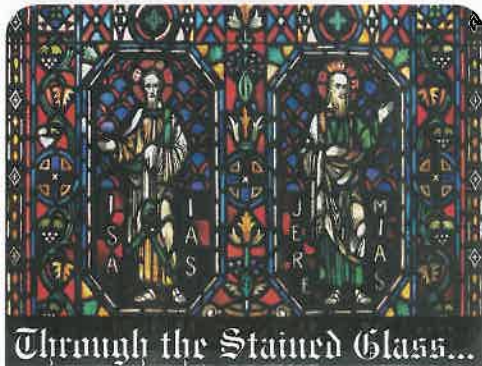
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Across

1. She gave her all. *Mark 12:41-44*
3. God gives us the ability to produce. *Deuteronomy 8:18*
5. Time *Ecclesiastes 3:1*
8. Love of money is the _____ of all evil. *1 Timothy 6:10*
10. Money obtained this way displeases God. *Proverbs 13:11*
13. Being kind to others. *Hebrews 13:16*
14. Priority for God's tithe and offering.
16. God puts a faithful steward in charge of _____ things. *Mt. 25:21*
18. The widow's gift to God. *Mark 12:41-44*
19. Precious metal belonging to God. *Haggai 2:8*

Down

2. A free will gift to God.
4. A gift from God to produce wealth. *Deuteronomy 8:18*
6. We manage, God owns.
7. Love of money is the root of all _____. *1 Timothy 6:10*
9. Not a punishment from God.
11. Every faithful steward has a pure one.
12. All we own is just on _____ from God. *Page 1*
15. 10% of our increase .
16. A tangible gift from God.
17. Very expensive metal belonging to God. *Haggai 2:8*




There are a number of people in every church who are in their later years of life. I'm not convinced that the Lord ever puts a terminal point on when we should quit serving God.

Sometimes, older people say, "I served all my life, let the younger ones do it."


Maybe you shouldn't be doing the things that the younger ones are doing, but somewhere there is a place for your ministry and your gifts to the Lord, no matter what your age is.

Who knows what the Lord may have in store for you!

As part of your total stewardship, you should be concerned about the dedication of your talents. God conducts a continuous talent search. In this talent search, all should be participants; no one should be merely a spectator. 

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Catching the Rays ...

higher road, our light will shine before all people. Stay on that road, although sometimes rocky and steep. Be committed in such a way, that all who you will meet will see the glory of God reflected in your good works. 

While our daily lives may have about them a certain "sameness," in every moment of every day, God is creatively presenting us with occasions for discipleship. It is our responsibility to use our time wisely, dedicating some part of it to apostolic activity.


Steward of the Month

Inner Peace and Joy!

Empty pews are a sad part of today's church congregations. Many things vie for our attention, money and talents. We can learn a valuable lesson from two widowed sisters Pauline (age 101!) and Ella (age 98). Although these ladies reside in a modest apartment complex and live with numerous age related aches and pains, they never neglect worship service or tithing. Not only do they attend weekly Sunday services and Bible study, but most any other church function will find them in their usual pew participating in worship. Fellow members are encouraged by their presence, their wisdom and by their example.

An inner peace and joy surrounds these ladies. They are cheerful and content in times of both celebration and adversity, as they continue their life with firm adherence to the will of God. They would not grieve the Holy Spirit by missing church unless they were ill.


Pauline and Ella serve as a reminder to cheerfully attend worship services when possible. It is written in Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another all the more as you see the Day approaching."

God bless senior parishioners such as Pauline and Ella. Although their physical abilities to serve are limited, they still provide us with a beautiful example of stewardship through their dedicated church attendance and tithing. 

"Steward of the Month" is an exciting way to recognize exemplary stewards. If you are aware of someone who has exemplified Christian stewardship, please tell us about it at stewardofthemoth.com. Once a month, one submission will be chosen to be published in *Stewardship*. In addition, if your story is chosen, \$100 will be given to the church or organization of your choice.

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us, about our money, and about how we use it. Our Lord is using the widow as an example to teach us what is expected of us: to return to God some of what God has given us. 



Stewardship Crossword
Puzzle Answer



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