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## CHURCH BULLETIN – JANUARY & FEBRUARY'2010



**ЧЕСТИТА НОВА ГОДИНА!**  
 ДА БЪДЕ ЗДРАВА, ЩАСТЛИВА, МИРНА И  
 БЛАГОСЛОВЕНА!

### NEW YEARS PRAYER

Dear Lord,  
 In the new year, we pray  
 that You will guide us each new day  
 in paths that are pleasing to You.  
 Lord, the new year gives us another chance  
 to rededicate our lives to You,  
 to study Your Word,  
 so that we know right from wrong  
 and to act in accordance with Your commands.  
 Thank You for the sense of  
 direction, purpose and peace we get  
 from aligning our lives with Your Holy will.  
 We pray for the strength and the will to obey You  
 each and every day of the new year,  
 and when we fail, we pray for Your mercy,  
 Your compassion, Your grace and Your love.  
 Help us in the new year to be Your faithful servants.  
 In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### THE FEASTS OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY'2010



**HOLY THEOPHANY – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD. BLESSED WATER – JAN. 6<sup>TH</sup> 2010  
 СВ. БОГОЯВЛЕНИЕ. ВЕЛИК ВОДОСВЕТ (ЙОРДАНОВ ДЕН)**

The Holy Theophany of our Savior Jesus Christ is a commemoration of His great light - being immersed in the River Jordan and rose again out for our salvation.

"Theophany" means the appearance of God. After Pascha, Easter and Pentecost, Theophany is considered the third greatest feast of the Eastern Orthodox Church. It commemorates the baptism of our Lord in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist.

The holy water from the church is given to the faithful to consume and bless their homes. In the weeks following the Feast, the priest visits the homes of parishioners and conducts a service of blessing using the holy water from the Feast of Theophany.

To register for this service call: 416 368 2828 or 647 886 4444.

**SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> 2010**  
**СВ. ЙОАН КРЪСТИТЕЛ - ИВАНОВДЕН**

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It is believed that John was the last of the Old Testament Prophets. Eastern Orthodox Church teaches that, following his death, John descended into Hades and preached that Jesus the Messiah was coming, so he was the Forerunner of Christ in death as he had been in life. John the Baptist, appears at the time of death to those, who have not heard the Gospel of Christ and preaches the Good News, that all may have the opportunity to be saved. Orthodox Churches usually have an icon of St. John the Baptist on the iconostasis, and he is frequently mentioned during the Divine Services. Every Tuesday throughout the year is dedicated to his memory.

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**PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE – FEBRUARY 2, 2010**  
**СРЕТЕНИЕ ГОСПОДНЕ**

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The Feast celebrates an early episode in the life of Jesus Christ. According to the Gospel, Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after His birth to complete Mary's purification after childbirth, and to perform the redemption of the firstborn, in obedience to the Law of Moses. Upon bringing Jesus into the temple, the Holy Family encountered Simeon the Righteous. The Gospel records that Simeon had been promised that *"he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord."* The elderly prophetess Anna was also in the Temple, and offered prayers and praise to God for Jesus, and spoke to everyone there about Jesus and his role in the redemption of Israel (Luke 2:36-38).



**MEMORIAL SERVICE – ZADUSHNITZA – FEBRUARY 6, 2010**

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When Memorial Service is offered, it is customary for the family of the deceased to bring a dish of boiled wheat to the Church. The wheat, known as kollyva, is a symbol of the Resurrection. When speaking of the Resurrection, our Lord said: "Unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)

Please bring the names of departed you wish to be remembered on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

The Service will start at 10:00am.

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**MEMBERSHIP 2010 REMAINDER**

This is for all church members, who have not paid their membership dues for the year 2010. Please, pay your membership due (\$50.00 per year), to be a regular church member (church bylaw – part II, clause 17). Membership dues can be paid by cheque sent to the church or by cheque and cash paid at the pangar during Church Services.

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY'2010**

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**JANUARY'2010**

**Divine Service Begins**

1 <sup>st</sup>	FRIDAY	<b>New Year, St. Basil – The Great</b> .....	10:00 am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	SUNDAY	Sunday before Theophany .....	10:30 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	WEDNESDAY	<b>Holy Theophany. Holy Water</b> .....	10:00 am
7 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY	<b>St. John – The Baptist (Ivanovden)</b> .....	10:00 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	Sunday after Theophany .....	10:30 am
17 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Zacchaeus.....	10:30 am
24 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee .....	10:30 am
31 <sup>st</sup>	SUNDAY	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Prodigal Son .....	10:30 am

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**FEBRUARY'2010**

**Divine Service Begins**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	TUESDAY	Presentation of Our Lord .....	10:00 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY	<b>Memorial Saturday (Zadushnitsa)</b> .....	10:00 am
7 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	Meat fare Sunday (Mesni Zagovezni).....	10:30 am
14 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	Cheese Fare Sunday .....	10:30 am
		(The Great Lent starts)	
20 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY	Todorov Den. Holly Communion.....	10:00 am
21 <sup>st</sup>	SUNDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Lent.....	10:30 am
28 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Lent.....	10:30 am

**CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY'2010**

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**BAPTISMS**

**MICHAEL**     **Baptized** – December 12<sup>th</sup>'2009  
**Parents** – Kiril Todorov  
                  Daniela Todorova  
**Godparents** – Sava & Pavlina Stoyanov



**MAY GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED IN CHRIST!**

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**RECENT DEATHS**



**VASIL STEFOFF**  
**96**

**Born**– Tryse, Egeiska Macedonia  
**Passed away** – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
**Mount Pleasant Cemetery**

Mr. Vasil Steffoff was a church member of many years.  
 His noble character and kindness will be remembered forever.

**REST IN PEACE MR. VASIL STEFOFF!**  
**MAY GOD REST YOUR SOUL & YOUR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

## **CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2010**



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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010**

The Church Executive Committee of Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral “Sts. Cyril and Methody” cordially invites you to attend The Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2010, after the Church Service in the main Parish Hall.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes from the last General Election Meeting – February 1, 2009
2. Financial Statement for the Year 2009
3. President’s Annual Report
4. Elections for a new Church Executive Committee for the year 2010

In compliance with the provisions of section 66 of the by-law, the meeting will not be postponed and will take place regardless of how many members are presented. The presence of every member however is important. Please, plan to attend!