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*Mon - Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord
and of St. Basil the Great*

This Week:

THURSDAY – 8:30 a.m. Vespers and
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

6:00 HOLY SUPPER

**7:30 COMPLINE & GREAT
BLESSING OF WATER**

FRIDAY – Great Feast of
***EPIPHANY – BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD***

8:30 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY

Holy Supper of Epiphany will be on
Thursday at 6:00. Please bring a dish to
share: no meat or dairy.

If you are not able to cook, please come
anyway! (or bring a beverage)

Epiphany Blessing of Homes

...in Monongahela, the Blessing of
Homes will be next Saturday & Sunday.

Please sign the list on the bulletin board
if you would like Father to visit your
home.

“Why do men learn through pain and suffering, and not through pleasure and happiness?”

Very simply, because pleasure and happiness accustom one to satisfaction with the things given in this world, whereas pain and suffering drive one to seek a more profound happiness beyond the limitations of this world. I am at this moment in some pain, and I call on the Name of Jesus—not necessarily to relieve the pain, but that Jesus, in Whom alone we may transcend this world, may be with me during it, and His will be done in me.

But in pleasure I do not call on Him; I am content then with what I have, and I think I need no more. And why is a philosophy of pleasure untenable?—because pleasure is impermanent and unreliable, and pain is inevitable. In pain and suffering Christ speaks to us, and thus God is kind to give them to us, yes, and evil too—for in all of these we glimpse something of what must lie beyond, if there really exists what our hearts most deeply desire.”

Fr. Seraphim (Rose)
St. Herman of Alaska Monastery
Platina, California



The word “*epiphany*” means a manifestation or revelation. The more precise term of this week’s feast is “*theophany*” a manifestation of God (theos). On this day the Holy Trinity was revealed to the world for the first time: the voice of the Father, the Son in the Jordan, the Spirit in the form of a dove.

Strict fast Thursday, the eve of Epiphany, is a day of strict fasting for Monongahela faithful. We abstain from all meat and dairy products.

No fasting is permitted on Epiphany – Friday January 19.

Our sympathy is expressed to Jim Tirpak on the loss of his brother Robert last week. Vicnjaja jemu pamjat! Eternal memory!

