

## Break Between the

### Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew I, and Moscow Patriarch Kyrill

It is with sadness that on 15 October, 2017, the Moscow Patriarchate broke communion with the Ecumenical Patriarchate over the situation in the Ukraine.

The Ukraine has been the canonical territory of the Moscow Patriarchate since 1622.

Because of this break and Fr. Keith W. Lowe cannot serve with any priest under the Ecumenical patriarchate and because of that he will be attending the blessing of the water at Moraine State Park as mentioned below.

### A message from Fr. Piasius

Glory to Jesus Christ! Greeting to each of you in this New Year as we approach the Eve of Theophany! I'm writing to each of you with an announcement with details regarding this year's Pan-Orthodox Outdoor Great Blessing of Water. After scouting through various locations at Moraine State Park I have settled on a new location for this year( as this one is on the level it reduces that chances of having to reschedule due to a sudden change in weather). According the 5th Annual Butler Pan-Orthodox Outdoor Great Blessing of Water will held on Sunday, January 13th at 1:30 pm at Pleasant Valley-South Shore Moraine State Park (take South Shore Exit off of 422, continue past the Ranger Station Office and Pleasant Valley is the first are to the right after Ranger Station). There is plenty of parking and restroom facilities and we will ask anyone attending to bring finger snacks and arrangements will be made for coffee to be provided. Please announce this to your parishes and friends and family and I hope that we will again have a blessed and wondering event together! Have a blessed evening!

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### January 6, 201

**Theophany**

1st Sunday Church Charities/ 2nd Sunday Building Fund/3rd Sunday for the food bank

### Times of Services

**2019**

Jan	5	Sat	5:30	PM	Vesper
	6	Sun			<b>Theophany</b>
			<b>10:00</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy</b>
					<b>Great Blessing of Waters</b>
	13	Sun	10:00	AM	Divine Liturgy

19	Sat	5:30	PM	Vespers with the archbishop
20	Sun	10:00	AM	Divine Liturgy
27	Sun	10:00	AM	Divine Liturgy

#### Parish Council

The parish council will meet this Thursday, 10 January, 2019, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be devoted to discussing changes to the parish by laws. Those changes may be viewed on line after log in, then select, "Home", "Administration", "Parish", "By-laws" and then "Proposed changes".

#### The Annual General Meeting of the parish will held on

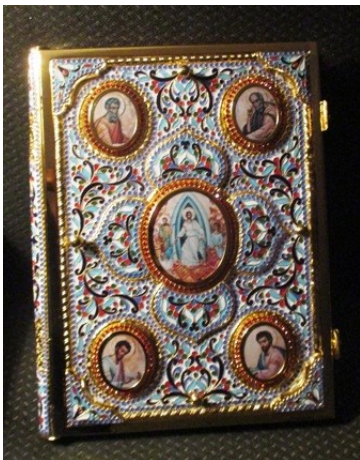
**Sunday, February 10, 2019**

**Reports should be handed to Eve Jean no later than 27 January, 2019.**

**The meeting will held in the church after 12:00 PM, as was the lase last year.**

#### New Gospel Book

The church has purchased a new Gospel Book from money generously donated to us the former Serbian Orthodox parish of St. Sava's in Pittsburgh, PA.



St. Sava's assets were wound-up and the proceeds were distributed amongst other Orthodox Church.

We were able to obtain the donation through the help of Nadine Schorr.

We are most grateful to the former parishioners of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church.

**The parish is looking for a secretary to record the parish council minutes.**

#### House Blessing

We are in the season of Theophany and at this time of the year the priests blesses our homes. Sheets have been put out to designate the day and time most convenient for parishioners to have their homes blessed.

Please have the following prepared:

1. a table with a cloth over it,
2. a suitable icon,
3. candles for each in the procession to hold during the house blessing.
4. a bowl for the holy water,
3. holy water and
4. a list of names of persons in the house hold.

The procession will be lead by the head of the house hold or someone appointed, followed by the others in the household and the priest follows in the rear. Where ever the procession goes that is where will bless.

Please do not give lit candles to young children.

Please ensure dogs are placed outside during the blessing.