



# Свято Водохрещя

## FEAST OF EPIPHANY (JORDAN)

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**The Three Feasts of Christmas** – the Ukrainian Orthodox celebration of Christmas starts with Nativity of Christ (Christmas), incorporates the New Year festivities of the Circumcision of our Lord and Feast of St. Basil the Great, and then closes out the Christmas season with one of the greatest feasts of the Orthodox Church, the Holy Theophany of our Lord – Epiphany / Йордан (celebrated since the second century). The Feast of Jordan commemorates the baptism of Christ in the river Jordan by St. John the Baptist. On this day, it is the custom to bless water – a river, a lake, or a vessel of water in the church. The incensing of the water by the priest signifies the descent of the Holy Ghost to Christ during His baptism. During

the ceremony, three special candles are immersed in the water; this is to remind us that through Christ's baptism, our sins are destroyed and forgiven. After the ceremony, the people take some of the blessed holy water to keep in their homes for the coming year. It is the custom in the days following this feast, for the priest to visit his parishioners in their homes. While he sprinkles the rooms with Holy Water, the priest prays that the home is kept as a place of love and security for the family who lives there.

**Thursday, January 18, 2018 @ 6 pm**  
**Eve of Theophany**

**Great Compline & The Great Blessing of Waters**

**Велике Повечір'я і Велике Освячення Води**

**Христос Хрестився! В річці Йордані!**

**SPIL'NA KUTIA - THEOPHANY EVE SUPPER FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE**

**Join us with your family & friends!**