



# St. Michael Youth Program

January 2015

## God Makes All Things New

This month we will learn about our world that God created, that He made new by the blessing of His presence, and how He wants us to bless it and take care of it.

### Home Discussion

This month, we celebrate Holy Theophany: God's Son, Jesus Christ revealed to us by the Father, His baptism in the River Jordan by John the Baptist, and the Holy Spirit's appearance as a dove. Each year, we celebrate God's blessing the water by His presence and use the Holy Water to bless us and all of God's world.

We are baptized in water for the forgiveness of sins, and are united with Christ in his death, burial and Resurrection. Our Godparents speak for us at our Baptism, rejecting Satan, accepting Christ and saying the Creed. They help us to do the same and to learn and grow in the Faith.

God took great care to make a beautiful world for us, with water, earth, plants, animals and people for us to care for and ask Him to bless.

### Bible Verses

The Spirit of God dwells in us, gives us life, makes us children of God. See Romans 8:11-14

And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3: 16-17

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. [...] God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." Genesis 1:26 and 1:28

Memory verse: "O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works, in wisdom Thou has made them all." (Psalm 104:24)

### Activities at Home

Look at the baptismal photos or videos of each family member and plan a visit (or a conversation) with your Godparents.

Go on a walk and talk about all of the beautiful things that God made. Place a piece of tape with the sticky side out on your child's wrist and have them attach leaves, flowers, sticks and any other treasures they find. For older children, go on a longer hike and clean up any trash you find along the way.

### January Feast Days and Saints

1st – St. Basil the Great	12th – St. Tatiana
6th – Theophany	17th – St. Anthony
7th – St. John the Baptist	22nd – St. Timothy
	25th – St. Gregory

### Special Events

**Sunday, Jan 4, No Church School**

Winter Break

**Sunday, January 18th – Family Hike**

After Divine Liturgy. Bring snacks & drinks for your family. RSVP to [mrsmulry@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmulry@gmail.com)

**Sunday, January 25th – Annual Parish Meeting**

Children's movie during Church School