

John the Baptist and Forerunner

For the Church, John was a prophetic and tragic figure. He is called the 'Baptist' because he baptized those who came to him; he is called the 'Forerunner' because he went before Christ and prepared His way, making His paths straight, in accordance with the words of the prophet: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness ... make his paths straight (Mark 1:3). In the Old Testament, he is prophesied as "the voice of him that cries in the wilderness," in the passage from Isaiah quoted above. In other texts, he is referred to as 'the voice of the Word', 'the lamp of the Light', 'the friend of the Bridegroom', 'the morning star before the Sun'.

John began his work at the age of 30, in the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius (27 or 29 AD). To begin, he journeyed

around the southern part of Judah, near the river Jordan, preaching and prophesying. The central theme of his preaching was repentance: he called upon men to repent and to change their ways of thinking, so that they would be ready to receive the teaching of Christ, their Savior – "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2).

At the same time, he was severe in his rebuking of evil and sin. Another element of his teaching was that of the practical form – how each of us should love our fellow brothers and sisters.

As we anticipate the coming Great Fast in a few weeks, are we prepared to repent and change our ways, and rebuke evil and sin as Saint John taught?

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY/EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



Icon of Saint John the Baptist

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Sunday – January 10, 2021

Христос Рождается! Славимо Його! ✱ Christ is born! Glorify Him!

The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

Sunday Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday January 10 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday after Theophany (For the Parish) (+Fr. David Clooney from the Iwaskiw Family)
Wednesday January 13 9:00 a.m.	(+David and +Myron Nagurney from Irene)
Thursday January 14 9:00 a.m.	(+John Fedkiw from Friends)
Friday January 15 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Mildred from the Popadiuk Family)
Sunday January 17 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of Zacchaeus (For the Parish) (Special Intention from Bohdana Urbanovych)

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

The Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to March 31, 2021. As such, we will not be able to have our Annual Parish Christmas Dinner/Prosfora in January. We will also not be able to have our Easter Bazaar and Pysanka Workshop. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

A NOTE ON 2020 CARES ACT TAX DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if a taxpayer itemized their deductions. The Cares Act allows taxpayers who do not itemize deductions to take up to \$300 charitable deductions for contributions made in 2020 to a qualifying organization. Your parish qualifies for this charitable deduction. Please do not forget to TAKE the Deduction this Tax Season. Your donation will be deductible up to \$300 even if you do not itemize your deductions for 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Have you remembered our Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in your will? Ask your attorney to include such words as these in your will: “I give, devise, or bequeath to UCNS Holy Family, 4250 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, DC 20017, for its general purposes ***ALL (or state a fraction or percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal.***” OR “I give to UCNS Holy Family, 4250 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, DC 20017, (\$.00) to be used for the general purposes of UCNS Holy Family.” Thank you and God bless you for caring about your church.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Frank Fisanich, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, 1LT Catherine Hetmansky Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.