



The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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January 2012
Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Service Schedule

January 1 – Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ

General Confession & Hours @ 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour following Liturgy
Pot Luck Dinner following Liturgy

January 8 – Blessing of waters

Hours @ 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour following Liturgy
Council Meeting

January 15

Hours @ 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour following Liturgy

January 22 – Canaanite Woman

Hours @ 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour following Liturgy

January 29 – Zaccheus Sunday

Hours @ 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour following Liturgy

Reader's Schedule

Hours

1/1 Doug Donovan
1/8 John Conkey
1/15 Jan Brennish
1/22 Mark Ammerman
1/29 Larry Ammerman

Epistle

Doug Donovan
John Conkey
Jan Brennish
Mark Ammerman
George Sura

Feast Days

1/1 Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ
1/6 Holy Theophany
1/7 Synaxis of St. John the Baptist
1/22 Canaanite Woman
1/29 Zaccheus Sunday
1/30 Three Hierarchs



For private confession, call Father to make arrangements.

Remember in your prayers: Bishop MELCHESEDEK, Father Adam, Father Ted, Father Paul, Father Michael, Jennifer with child, Larry Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, Karen Blackburn, Chris Conkey, James Crites, Helen Czar, Christine Demchak, Joe Demchak, Mike Demchak, Eileen Donovan, Elizabeth Edwards, Joe Edwards, Olga Finlayson, Kenneth Finlayson, Jeffrey Fetcenko, Randy Fetcenko, Rose Marie Fetcenko, Yvonne Fetcenko, Jack Foster, Mary Foster, Helen Mae Harvey, Harry Horosky, Carl Mandel, Richard Nakles, Anna Pennington, Karen Saupp, Harry Socie, Alexandria Stine, Karen Stine, Eleanor Sura, Holly Thompson, Andrew Tocimak, Irene Tocimak, Louise Tocimak, Michael Tocimak, Walter Varagea, Delores Varagea.

“O Master, the all-sustainer, and Holy King, Who punishes, but reduces not to death, Who strengthens the failing, and raises the outcast, Who remedies the bodily sorrows of men, we pray unto Thee, O Our Lord, visit Thine infirm servants with Thy mercy; forgive them every transgression, voluntary and involuntary. Verily O Lord, send down from Heaven Thy healing power, touch the body, extinguish the fever, lessen the suffering and every infirmity of Thy servants, raise them decumbent, from sickness, and from the bed of evilness, make them whole and all-restored, return them to Thy Church well-pleasing and fulfilling Thy will. For it is of Thine own, to be merciful and to save us, O Lord, and unto Thee we send glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Birthdays

David Mason	1/2
Mitch Tocimak	1/13
Steve Demchak	1/20

Anniversaries

Rhonda and Tom Demchak	1/19/2002
Mike and Louise Demchak	1/20/1957

Margaret Stefanko, sister of Helen Bokach and Irene Pollock, fell asleep in the Lord December 13, 2011.

Memory Eternal!

From the Desk of Father John Horosky

This Christmas is a new beginning for those who were lost and being troubled by the devil. Christ is born in town of Bethlehem, where Mary & Joseph had to go for the census which was ordered by Caesar Augustus. While there Mary being with child delivered a son in a manger, for they had no room in the inn. As we know how the shepherds came and worshipped him and the 3 Kings followed a star to the place where He lay and gave Him gifts. After this Joseph in a dream from God was lead to Egypt and there they lived till Jesus was Baptized by John in the Jordan. There is a period of 30 years which much about Christ is not known till He began His ministry on earth. During this time Christ grew up and was often found in the Temple and listening to the Scriptures of the Prophets and the Reading of the Law. When He started to preach about the Kingdom of God, many began to follow Him and wanted to hear His words.

We can start anew with this Christ Child and place Him in our hearts and we will do what God wants us to do. We say Christ is Born! Glorify Him! as a joyous greeting that God allowed his Son to come to earth for the salvation of mankind.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

MAY THE SEASON OF JOY AND LOVE BE WITH ALL OF US.

Icon of the Feast of Theophany

The Icon of the Feast of Theophany tells the story from the Gospels in images and color. On the left side of the icon we see John the Baptist (1) who is dressed in camel's hair and has the appearance of one who lives in the wilderness. His arms are outstretched, showing an attitude of prayer and reverence, but also directing others to Christ. With his right hand he is conducting the baptism.



1. Saint John the Baptist conducts the Baptism of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (detail).



2. The Heavens open, the voice of the Father is heard, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove descends upon Christ (detail).

In the center of the icon is Christ being baptized in the Jordan. He is standing in the water wearing a waistcloth, and with His right hand He is blessing the waters of the Jordan. Above His head is the Holy Spirit descending as a dove upon Him (2). At the top of the icon, a semicircle depicts the opening of the Heavens and the voice of the Father.



3. Angels of the Lord gathered on the shore of the Jordan River give praises to Christ (detail).



4. An angel of the Lord receives Christ as He comes out of the water (detail).

On the right side of the icon angels are shown with their heads bowed in reverence to Christ (3). They are prepared to receive Him as He comes out of the water (4).

From The Greek Orthodox website: <http://www.goarch.org>

The poinsettias for Christmas were donated by the Kathy Ricotta family in memory of her parents George and Irene Tocimak. *Memory Eternal!*