

January 20, 2019
Upcoming Services:

Sun. Jan. 20, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sat. Jan. 26, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
Sun. Jan. 27, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sat. Feb. 2, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
Sun. Feb. 3, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Acts 19: 1 - 8
John 1: 29- 34

<p><u>Reader Schedule:</u> Sun, Jan. 20 - Greg Kuzmenchuk Sun, Jan. 27 - Cynthia Neff Sun, Feb. 3 - Kurtis Lauser</p>

Synaxis of the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John:

In the Orthodox church the custom was established that on the day following the great feasts of the Lord and the Mother of God would be remembered those saints who most essentially participated in whichever sacred event. On the day following the Theophany of the Lord, the church honors he that participated directly in the baptism of Christ, placing his own hand upon the head of the savior. Saint John, the holy forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, termed by our Lord the greatest of the prophets, both concludes the history of the Old Testament and opens up the epoch of the New Testament.

The holy prophet John gave witness concerning the arrival on earth of the only-begotten son of God, incarnated humanly in the flesh. Saint John was deemed worthy to baptize Him in the waters of the Jordan, and he was a witness of the theophany or manifestation of the most holy trinity on the day of the baptism of the savior.

The holy prophet John was a kinsman of the Lord on his mother's side, son of Priest Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth. The holy forerunner of the Lord, John, was born six months earlier than Christ Jesus. The Archangel Gabriel was the messenger of his birth, in the Jerusalem temple revealing to his father, that for him a son was to be born. Through the prayers offered up beforehand, the child was filled with the holy spirit.

Saint John prepared himself in the wilds of the desert for his great service by a strict life, by fasting, prayer, and sympathy for the fate of God's people. At the age of about 30 years he came forth preaching repentance. He appeared at the banks of the Jordan, by his preaching to prepare the people for acceptance of the savior of the world. In the expression of churchly song, Saint John was a "bright morning star", whose gleaming outshone the shining of all the other stars, announcing the coming morning of the day of grace, illumined with the light of the spiritual Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Birthdays:

January 21 - Christina Haines
January 22 - Raymond Vito
January 24 - Katie Peck
January 26 - Bob Steele

Upcoming Events:

Sun, Jan. 20 - Sisterhood Meeting - following coffee hour.

Sun, Jan. 27 -Annual Parish Mtg. following coffee hour. Elections will be held for board positions and agenda items will be discussed.

Sun, Feb. 3 - Souper Bowl Sunday - Soups will be sold at coffee hour. Proceeds will benefit Soup Kitchens in the Ukraine.

Sun, Feb. 10 - Swearing-in of 2019 Church officers. Executive board and Sisterhood officers will be sworn-in following Liturgy.

Prayer Corner:

<p><i>For the Health of:</i> Lillian Maskula, Sandy Knisley, Erin Bove, Florine, Charline, Mark Danczak, Zenon Forosty, Linda, Minerva, & Salwa</p>

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 6 pm

Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

House Blessings

Fr. Mike will be blessing houses this month. Sign up is being arranged or contact him.

Holy Water

Water was blessed at the Theophany service on Saturday. Feel free to take some for use on your home and health.

Sisterhood Membership Drive

Please see Linda Kozlowski or Illaria to pay \$10 sisterhood dues in January for the upcoming year. Everyone is welcome to join.

Foods Available

Pierogies - potato & cheese -\$6 per box of 15
Pierogies - sweet potato - \$6 per box of 15
Nut Rolls - \$12 per roll

Notice

The Gindin Family would like to thank you all for your prayers, love, donations of food and support for me and my family during Jeff's passing. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. You are my family too and I love each one of you. God Bless you always.

With love, Linda, Justin, Amy & children

January Charity - Good Samaritan