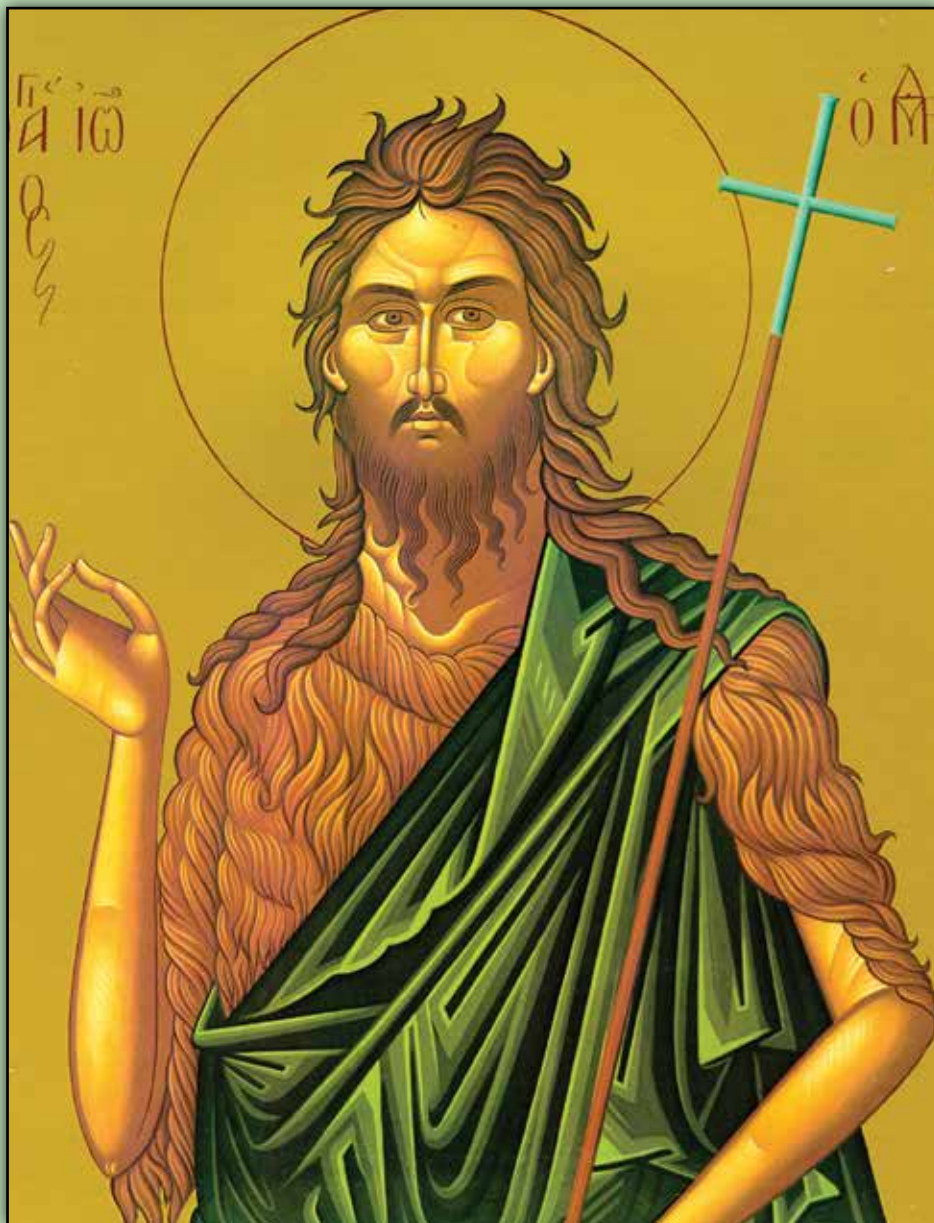


SUNDAY AFTER THE  
THEOPHANY/EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



*Icon of Saint John the Baptist*

<b>January 10, 2021: Sunday After Theophany</b>		
Epistle: Eph. 4: 7-13		Gospel: Mt. 4: 12-17
<b>Mon., Jan. 11</b>	9:00	Health of Fr. John Wysochansky (Andrea Novak)
<b>Tues., Jan. 12</b>	9:00	+ Souls in Purgatory (Dorothy Zinsky)
<b>Wed., Jan. 13</b>	9:00	+ Frank Cole (Carol Zadarosni)
<b>Thurs. Jan. 14</b>	9:00	+ Andy Marcinko (Andrea Novak)
<b>Fri., Jan. 15</b>	9:00	+ Dorothy A. Chezick (Frank & Susan Lesnefsky)
<b>Sat., Jan. 16</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	2:00 pm	Confessions.
	4:00 pm	+ Brian Westington (Mom, Ilona)
<b>Sun., Jan. 17</b>	10:00	For Our Parishioners

## **Postfeast of The Holy Theophany of Our Lord**

### **Antiphon 1**

When Israel and Jacob's children came forth from Egypt, out from a barbarian people, \* Judah became His sanctuary, Israel became His domain.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, \* Savior, save us.*

The sea saw God's people coming and parted for them; \*  
when the Jordan saw them coming, its running waters ceased to flow.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, \* Savior, save us.*

Why is it, O sea, that you parted, \* and what caused you,  
O Jordan, to turn back your flow?

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*

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### **Third Antiphon**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.  
*O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Al-  
leluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

*O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

*O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.*

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### **Entrance Hymn**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

*O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You Alleluia.*

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### **Hymn to the Mother of God**

Extol, my soul, Christ the King, who was baptized in the Jordan. No tongue can fittingly sing your praises. \* Even superior intelligences far above your world appear feeble when they praise you, O Mother of God. \* But in your goodness, accept our faith; \* for you see that godly love we bear towards you, \* as you are the Patroness of Christians.

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### **Communion Verse**

The grace of God has appeared \* bringing salvation to all people.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **APPEAL OF THE HIERARCHY OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE EVENTS OF JANUARY 6, 2021**

As Christians, on the Feast of the Theophany, we continue to celebrate and welcome the Emmanuel—"God is with us," the Prince of Peace, "the Beloved Son of the Father" who calls us all to be His sisters and brothers in the Father's house. But as a nation, today, we witness an appalling assault on the central seat and process of American democracy which must stop.

Criminal trespassing, menacing break-in, and the intimidation of senators and members of Congress is unconscionable.

Any use of Jesus' name to justify this violent behavior and chaos is a travesty of the Gospel. There is nothing Christian about it.

Americans bear a great responsibility for the future of democracy in the world.

American leaders, first of all the President of the United States, must do everything in their power to reestablish peace and the rule of law.

There is much injustice in our land. There is much anger. No injustice will be remedied by violence.

We ask all of our priests, religious, and faithful to pray for the future of our country, to call for repentance, to witness to the integrity of the Gospel of

our Lord, and begin the difficult work of rebuilding the unity of America.

We are called to help all people hear and believe the fundamental truth of Theophany—that each person is a “beloved son or daughter of the Father.”

We have a long road ahead of us.

Let us return to a motto of the founders of our country: “In God we trust.”

+ Borys Gudziak, Metropolitan and Archbishop of Philadelphia

+ Paul Chomnycky, Bishop of Stamford

+ Benedict Aleksiychuk, Bishop of St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago

+ Bohdan Danylo, Bishop of St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma

+ Andriy Raby, Auxiliary Bishop of the Philadelphia Archeparchy

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

*“As rain is necessary that plants may live and be refreshed, so prayer is necessary for the nourishment of the life of the soul.”* -- St. John Chrysostom.

And yet, although prayer is so necessary, why do some people neglect it? A few reasons are: the weakness of human nature as a result of original sin; sloth; a personal attachment to the materialism of the world; failure

to cooperate with the actual grace of God; etc.

Each day *adore* your Creator, the one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *thank* God for the countless graces received; *make reparation* to God for your offenses; *petition* God for benefits for yourself and for others -- living and departed.

The Divine Liturgy includes the

above four purposes, and is the greatest form of prayer that a creature can give to the Creator. Consistently participate in this Sublime Sacrifice!

Say all the traditional prayers with fixed number of words. But also use your own words to tell God of your anxieties, problems, sufferings, intentions, etc.

Parents and children should pray together at least once a day. *“A family that prays together stays together.”*

In the words of St. Paul: *“pray without ceasing.”* Pray especially in time of spiritual and temporal danger. Never be a prayer-quitter; always persevere. Continue with your efforts to ward off distractions. Finally, as St. Alphonsus Liguori reminds us: *“One who prays will be saved, but one who does not pray will be lost.”*

-- by Msgr. John Squiller

## THANK YOU!

Thank You! from the bottom of my heart. I want to thank you all for your prayers, beautiful Christmas cards, and gifts I have received during this

festive season. May Christ born in Bethlehem reward you with many happy and blessed years!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR FATHER JOHN

Please remember Father John Wysochansky in your prayers. He was admitted into Abington Manor and tested positive for Covid-19. Anyone wishing to send him a “Get Well” card

can do so at:

Rev. John Wysochanky  
c/o Abington Manor  
100 Edella Rd.

S. Abington Township, PA 18411

## OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian charity, please remember the soul of + **Gertrude Sanko** who recently fell asleep in the

Lord. May her memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

## KEEP GREETING ONE ANOTHER

A reminder to all: just as we prepared for Christmas with a 40-day preparation and fasting period, so now we celebrate the bright days of Christmas, New Year's, and Theophany for 40 days. Please continue to sing our beautiful Christmas carols, and to greet one another with our traditional "Christos Razhdayetsia! Slavite Yeho!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!" During the darkness of the Winter months, do all you can to keep the bright light of Christ burning brightly! Let Christ shine through you!

**Note:** according to tradition, we continue to sing Christmas carols up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## JESUS AT THE WINDOW

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods but he could never hit the target. Discouraged, he headed back to dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just on an impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woodpile only to see his sister watching.

Sally had seen it all but she said nothing. After lunch that day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes." But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes. Later that day, Grandpa asked if

the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." But Sally just smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." She whispered again, "Remember the duck?"

So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help. After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But, because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

## **STEWARDS OF COMMITMENT**

As infants our faith was given to us by our parents. They loved us enough to bring us to God and ask him to give us new life; and we were baptized. As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, God is revealed to us. He shows us the way to salvation and like John the Baptizer, he calls to us "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." It may sound like dooms day prophets, but it's not. "Repent" simply means "turning back to God".

This Sunday after Theophany we have the opportunity to recommit ourselves to our saying yes to Jesus, saying yes to the cross, saying yes to committing ourselves to carry on the work of love, and mercy, kindness and tolerance that Jesus preached and lived. As we sing "we who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ" may we choose for ourselves the Way, the Truth, and the Life that Jesus offers us as the Son of God.

## **2021 CHURCH CALENDARS**

The 2021 Church Calendars are available in the back of the Church.

The Calendars are free, but any donations will be appreciated.

## **2021 PARISH DUES**

We remind our Parish Family Members that at a Parish Meeting in February 2020, it was decided that

beginning 2021 Parish Dues will increase to \$50.00 per adult per year. This is less than \$1 per week.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of January 2021 is Team

#1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis and Gloria Jablonski.

## **Sunday Collection for January 2 & 3, 2021: \$**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Parish financially in our weekly collections. If you are still staying at home due to the pandemic, and are able to send any amount, it would be a blessing.



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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### ***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?