



HOLY EUCHARIST

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Українська Католицька Церква Пресвятої Євхаристії

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Sunday before Theophany; Octoechos Tone 7

Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome

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LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sunday Services

6:00 pm (Sat) - Great Vespers
8:00 am - Ukrainian
10:00 am - English

HOLY MYSTERIES

Confessions

4:30-6:00 pm Saturdays
or by appointment

Marriage

Please make arrangements with
the Pastor

Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist

Please make arrangements with
the Pastor

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 4: Make ready, O Zebulon,* and prepare yourself, O Nephthali;* O River Jordan, stop and receive with joy* the Master coming to be baptized.* O Adam, rejoice with the first mother, Eve,* and do not hide yourselves as before in Paradise.* For, having seen you unclothed,* Christ has appeared to clothe you with the first robe;* He has appeared to renew all creation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 7: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.* Hades is bound.* The prophets exult with one voice.* The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying:* “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4: Today the Lord stood in Jordan’s current telling John:* Do not be afraid to baptize Me,* for I have come to save Adam, the first man.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord,* and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle - 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I

am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: God, be merciful to us and bless us.

verse: Make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.” “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.’” John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)

Pre-registration required for all services—even on Sundays!

Call the Parish Office!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Funerals

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Divine Liturgy Intentions

Please make arrangements with the Office

Catechism

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ORGANIZATIONS

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UCBC

Contact forthcoming

Millennium Seniors' Club

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Bingo

Contact forthcoming

Our parish **Adult Faith Inquiry** classes start up again this Tuesday, January 4. If you would like to join, please contact Fr. Michael.

An online 11-session class for children preparing for their **First Holy Confession and Solemn Communion** will begin at the end of January. If you would like to register your children, please contact the parish office.

Jordan Home Blessings will go ahead this year with some modifications due to current restrictions. If you would like to have your home blessed this year, please contact Fr. Michael.

The **Holy Eucharist Social Club** is looking towards the future and bringing Bingo back! They plan to re-open in the new year and are looking for volunteers. Anyone interested or if you know anyone interested in volunteering Tuesday nights between 5pm and 10 pm please give Bernice a call 204-669-2068.

Parish Event Workers. Our parish is getting busy again with many inquiries and events being booked at our facilities. Please help your parish out by providing your name and contact info and willingness to work at some events. This will make scheduling of events much easier. We do need more of you so as to be able to spread out the work load. Due to government regulations, some events require workers to have current, full Covid-19 immunization status, and some

events don't have this requirement. For this reason alone, your Covid-19 immunization status will be required. As before, you will be paid for your time.

Perogy-making - will be on a well deserved break until January 19, 2022. We thank all our Perogy Volunteers for all the hard work they do for our parish. A reminder Perogies are now \$7/dozen.

We have some sad news about perogy making—the sheeter is almost fully broke! It's quite old (well over 35 years). For those wondering, a sheeter is a dough roller. We have had to order a new one and it will be on its way soon. Even though we are still in a pandemic, our parish is making and selling perogies (although less than outside the pandemic) and we need to continue with this endeavour. If you would like to make a donation toward the new sheeter, please make the cheque payable to the parish and mark it “Sheeter” or contact Fr. Michael.

Some have asked to use the **pew-sized Divine Liturgy books**. While we cannot return them to the pews as of yet, you are free to take a book home with you, keep it with you and bring it to and from services until that time when we will need them back in the pews. Maximum: one per person.

Remember, anyone wishing to have a home visit or Jordan home blessing from Father Michael, or know of a parishioner who would like to have a visit, please contact the parish office to book a time: 204-667-8866.



*Our Parish 50/50 Raffle
AND Prize Draw will be
starting on January 1, 2022!
The raffle and draw will take
place on Sun, February 20.
Stay tuned for more details.*

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**Please remember in your prayers, call, or write
to our isolated parishioners!**

Middle Church - Olga Hnatiuk, Margaret Sawchuk
Holy Family Home - Jane Budzen, Mary Horbal, Irene Omeniuk, Jennie Huchko,
Elizabeth Boychuk, Fr. Victor Yakowchuk, Milly Manitowich

The Lord Manifested in the Jordan

“THE HOLY DAY OF THE LIGHTS to which we have come, and which we are celebrating today, has for its origin the Baptism of my Christ, the True Light that lightens everyone who comes into the world, and effects my purification...” These words, which begin St Gregory the Theologian’s homily “on the Lights,” reflect what was already a well-known custom when he spoke them (AD 381). They also point to the reason why this is an especially appropriate term for this feast of the Theophany.

It has been suggested that the feast was introduced in third century Alexandria, where January 6 was observed by the pagans as the birthday of Aeon, the patron god of the city. By the fourth century it was observed in Jerusalem and it was not long before this feast was kept throughout the East.

At first the feast observed the theophanies of God at Christ’s birth, at His baptism and at His first miracle at Cana. Eventually the Western date of December 25 was adopted in the East for the remembrance of the Nativity and January 6 for the theophany at His baptism. To this day, however, the Armenian Church celebrates both manifestations on January 6.

WHY LIGHTS?

One explanation, mentioned in some synaxaria, is offered by Seberian, Bishop of Gavalon. He remarks that in the Church there was great abundance of light on this feast day because the Christians carried lighted candles. The same is mentioned by Ephraim the Syrian in his hymn on the Epiphany (9th verse). The ceremony in Jerusalem, as described by the 4th century pilgrim Egeria began with a procession during the night from Bethlehem to the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. They enter the church before daybreak “where an exceedingly great number of lights are already burning.”

The theme of light resounds on this feast because light frequently represents the divine in the Scriptures. The most evocative for Christians is found in the Gospel of John where the Lord says “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life” (John 8:12).

St Gregory in his homily links a number of the Scriptural verses on light.

“Therefore listen to the Voice of God, which sounds so exceeding clearly to me, who am both disciple and master of these mysteries, as would to God it may sound

to you: “I am the Light of the world” [John 8:12] Therefore “approach Him and be enlightened, and let not your faces be ashamed,” [Psalm 33:5, LXX] being signed with the true Light.

“This is a season of new birth, let us be born again. It is a time of reformation, let us receive again the first Adam. Let us not remain what we are, but let us become what we once were. “The Light shined in darkness,” [John 1:5] in this life and in the flesh, and is chased by the darkness, but is not overtaken by it:—I mean the adverse power leaping up in its shamelessness against the visible Adam, but encountering God and being defeated;—in order that we, putting away the darkness, may draw near to the Light, and may then become perfect Light, the children of perfect Light.”

Christ is said to enlighten mankind by what He has revealed to us. First of all, He has shown us God in His own person (“Then Jesus cried out and said, ‘He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness’” – John 12:44-46). In Christ we see God as compassionate, long-suffering of our weaknesses and willing to take on our sufferings Himself to restore our likeness to Him.

Christ also enlightens us by showing us – again in His own person – what a human being is. What He taught in words, He also taught by His way of life: “Love one another as I have loved you... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many... I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life... If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.” He shows us that the way to glory is to empty oneself and take up the cross of the sufferings of others just as He did.

THEOPHANY

The event commemorated on this day, Christ’s baptism in the Jordan, is considered a theophany or manifestation of God for two reasons. First of all, it marked the



beginning of the Lord’s public life. He would go from the Jordan to the wilderness and be tempted, then return to begin His public ministry.

Hardly noticed by those present, Christ’s baptism has been the occasion for reflection by Christians throughout the ages. Thus St Hippolytus’ Discourse on the Holy Theophany (third century) exults: “Oh things strange beyond compare! How should the boundless River that makes glad the city of God have been dipped in a little water! The illimitable Spring that bears life to all, and has no end, was covered by poor and temporary waters! He who is present everywhere, and absent nowhere— who is incomprehensible to angels and invisible to men— comes to baptism according to His own good pleasure.”

In the thought of the Greek Fathers this event was the occasion of an even more momentous theophany: the New Testament’s first revelation of the Holy Trinity. All three Persons were made manifest together: the Father testified from on high to the divine Sonship of Jesus; the Son received His Father’s testimony; and the Spirit was seen in the form of a dove, descending from the Father and resting upon the Son. This is the theophany recalled in the troparion of the feast: “At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was revealed; ...”

BAPTISM

In the earliest days of the Church baptism was offered to anyone anytime, once they believed. With the development of the Church year by the third century, it became customary to connect baptism with the feast of the resurrection (which baptism reenacts) and, later, with Pentecost, the “outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh.” When the feast of the Theophany was definitively connected with the remembrance of Christ’s baptism it too became a baptismal feast.

Source: Eparchy of Newton

UPDATED GUIDELINES

1. **FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP.** You must wear a face mask to participate in liturgical services. If you have a medical condition and a doctor's note, please confer with Fr. Michael.
2. **Hand-sanitization** at the entrance to the church is required.
3. **Capacity Limitation.** Attendance at any Divine Service or faith-based gathering is currently restricted to 25 people.
4. **Maintain Physical Distancing** of 2 metres (6 feet). Members of the same household may sit together.
5. **Singing.** A maximum of two cantors are permitted to respond at Divine Services. The faithful are able to sing quietly with their masks on.
6. **No Policing** – (A parish request). Please, no policing of restrictions is to take place. Please be mindful that some people have exemptions. If you have concerns, please contact Fr. Michael. We want to maintain the spirit of a welcoming and vibrant parish.
7. **Entrance and Exit** – (A parish request). Please enter by the south side door and exit by the main doors.
8. **Non-parish events** (e.g., rentals) are to adhere to the current Provincial Public Health Order of December 27, 2021.

Schedule of Services January 2-9, 2022

Sunday and Feast Day services are live-streamed and are available at holyeucharist.ca

The Rosary is often prayed before Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 2

Sunday before Theophany; Octoechos Tone 7; Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome
2 Tim 4:5-8; Mk 1:1-8
08:00 am Divine Liturgy (for parishioners)*
10:00 am Divine Liturgy (for parishioners)*

Monday, January 3

Pre-feast of Theophany; Holy Prophet Malachi; Holy Martyr Gordius
Heb 3:5-11, 17-19; Lk 20:27-44
No Services

Tuesday, January 4

Pre-feast of Theophany; Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; Venerable Father Theoctistus
Heb 4:1-13; Lk 21:12-19
09:00 am Divine Liturgy (+Mary Kuz by Ukraine Kyiv Pavilion)

Wednesday, January 5

Theophany Eve; The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas; Venerable Syncletica
It is a day of fast and abstention from meat and foods that contain these meat.
08:00 am Royal Hours
05:30 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of the Waters [approx. 3 hours long] (for parishioners)

Thursday, January 6

Theophany of Our Lord
Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of Obligation
Titus 2:11-15; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17
09:00 am Divine Liturgy (for parishioners)

Friday, January 7

Post-feast of Theophany; Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John
Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.
Acts 19:1-8; Jn 1:29-34
09:00 am Divine Liturgy (Deceased members of Proskan, Kuzia, Lewandosky, Borowiec families by Joan and Henry)

Saturday, January 8

Saturday after Theophany; Venerable Father George the Chosebite; Venerable Mother Dominica; Emilian the Confessor
Eph 6:10-17; Mt 4:1-11
09:00 am Divine Liturgy (Sharon and Stan Baran and Family by Emily Hawrysh)

Sunday, January 9

Sunday after Theophany; Octoechos Tone 8; Holy Martyr Polyuctus
Eph 4:7-13; Mt 4:12-17
08:00 am Divine Liturgy (for parishioners)
10:00 am Divine Liturgy (for parishioners)

Offerings	Sunday, Dec 19	Sunday, Dec 26
Envelopes	\$ 1535.00	\$ 1585.00
Open collection	\$ 80.00	\$ 30.00
Vigil lights	\$ 23.00	\$ 6.15
Christmas Offering	\$ 740.00	\$ 25 635.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 70.00	\$ 194.00
Fall Supper	\$ 200.00	\$ 629.88
Church Mission	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Calendar	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00
Carolling	\$ 120.00	\$ 185.00
Property Maintenance	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
Pussy willows	\$ 0.00	\$ 105.00
Theophany	\$ 0.00	\$ 107.42
50/50 Draw	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Hall Usage Donation	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Covid-19 Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 44.78
Total	\$ 3173.00	\$ 28 722.23