

# St. John the Baptist

## Ukrainian Catholic Church

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### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian and English)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Ukrainian)

Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 a.m.

### Holy Days of Obligation:

6:00 p.m. (English on the preceding evening)

9:00 a.m. on the Holy Day

Other Services as announced.

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### **BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION:**

Parishioners should make plans to have their children baptized and chrismated in a timely fashion. Please call the rectory before setting a date for the ceremony.

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Before weekend Divine Liturgies and Holy Days.

### **MARRIAGE:**

Please call the rectory at least six months in advance. Pre-marital counseling is mandatory.

### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

Kindly notify the rectory regarding parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes.

### **CEMETERY:**

Purchase of cemetery plots is a privilege reserved to parishioners. Please contact the rectory before any major improvements are undertaken.

### **CHURCH FACILITIES:**

Any use of church facilities must be cleared in advance at the rectory. Literature may not be placed in or around the Church without approval.

### **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

8:00 a.m. of the Monday preceding the weekend in which the announcement is to appear.

### **WEBSITES:**

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### **FOOD FOR THE POOR:**

Collected at all weekend Divine Liturgies

**SUNDAY, December 31 - New Years Eve**

9:00AM - For Parishioners

11:00PM - In memory of +Dr. John Hvozda  
req. Tynkewych Family**MONDAY, January 1 - New Years Day - The Circumcision of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ**10:00AM - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great -  
for Parishioners**TUESDAY, January 2**8:00AM - In memory of +Michael and +Dorothy Woyciesjes  
req. daughters, Helen, Patty and Stephanie**WEDNESDAY, January 3**8:00AM - In memory of + Maria Majkowycz  
req. Anastasia Majkowycz and Lesia and Bob Ruebsamen**THURSDAY, January 4**8:00AM - In memory of +Marion Kohut, with panakhayda  
req. Anna and Bob Meeks**FRIDAY, January 5 -Vigil of Theophany**

10:00AM - Great Royal Hours

4:00PM - Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
with Great Blessing of Water (Ukrainian/English)*Note: Today is a day of abstinence (NO meat or dairy)***SATURDAY, January 6 - The Holy Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**4:00PM - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Great Blessing  
of Water. (Ukrainian)*(This divine Liturgy does not fulfill your Sunday Obligations)***SUNDAY, January 7**

10:00AM - For Parishioners

**READINGS (today)****Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19****Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23****Tone: 5****2018 Calendars**The **new calendars for 2018** are available for \$3.00 each in the undercroft of the Church after the weekend Divine Liturgies. Calendars are also available in the office on Tuesdays.**New Year-Theophany Liturgical Schedule for 2018**

- can be found in the back of the church. Please take one home and hang it up, so you will know what is going on. The schedule can also be found on the church web site and facebook page.

**Vigil Lights****Main Altar:** In loving memory of deceased members of the  
+Woyciesjes and +Husak Families req. Helen,  
Patty and Stephanie**Tetrapod:** In loving memory of my parents +Stanley and  
+Margaret Benderski req. Helen Zebrowski**Sacred Heart:** In loving memory of my husband +Edward  
Zebrowski req. wife Helen Zebrowski**Mother of God:** In loving memory of my sister +Connie  
and +Andrew Roberts req. sister, Helen Zebrowski**Holy Cross:** In loving memory of +Anna and +Harry  
Kaczmerick req. sister Helen Zebrowski**PRAY FOR US****Please pray for the souls of the deceased members of the parish and those for whom Divine Liturgies will be offered this week. We ask that you also pray for the following parishioners who are ill or homebound:** Ksenia Busko, Olga Holl, Peter Holl, Andrew Krzywyj, Anastazja Majkowycz, Julia Maliwesky, Walter Melnick, David Michaels, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Julie Pinkasewicz, Regina Presley, Mary Sheremeta, Pavlo Tkach, Carol Werbeck, Gabriella Wicker, Kalina Woloszyn, and Nina Wozniak.

If you know someone on the prayer list that is no longer in need or know of someone who is in need of prayers, please call the rectory office so we can update our list. Thank you.

**Envelopes for 2018**

Are available for pick up in the undercroft of the church. If you do not see your envelopes, call the rectory during office hours on Tuesday. All parishioners are encouraged to use their envelopes on a regular basis, for us to keep accurate records of your contributions to the Church.

**Please make sure that you are using your 2018 envelopes starting this Monday!****Christmas Brunch (Prosfora)**Will be held in the church undercroft on **Sunday, January 21, following the 10 AM Divine Liturgy.** Please, join our parish family as we continue to celebrate together, the Birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Entertainment will be provided by a Christmas performance from the teachers and students of the Lesia Ukrainka School of Ukrainian Studies and Kalyna Youth Choir.*Adults - \$12.00 Students - \$5.00 Children under 8 free*

During the "Yordan Season" or the days following the Feast of the Theophany we greet one another with the following:

**Christ was baptized!  
In the River Jordan!****Христос Хрищається!  
В Ріці Йордан!**

## Hymns



**Saturday, December 30**  
**5:00PM Divine Liturgy**  
**Lector: Joanne Stevens**

**Sunday, December 31**  
**9:00AM Divine Liturgy**  
**Lector: Steve Suche**

**Monday, January 1, 2018 - New Years Day**  
**10:00AM Divine Liturgy**  
**Lector: Ann Romanczyk**

Opening: "God Eternal" Pg. 64 Vs. 1 & 2  
 "Бог Предвічний"

Communion: "Heaven and Earth" Pg. 71 Vs. 1 & 2  
 "Небо і Земля"

Closing: "Silent Night" Pg. 72 Vs. 1 & 2  
 "Тиха Ніч"

## Bethlehem Peace Light

"In Bethlehem, at the place where Jesus was born, burns an everlasting light. This light, which has been burning for centuries, is the symbol of peace, warmth and love.



Every year, Austrian scouts light a special lantern from this Bethlehem Peace Light and fly it to Vienna, Austria. From there, scouts of many nationalities transport the Light across borders to the various countries of Europe, including Ukraine. The Light is passed on from person to person, to all who are awaiting the Light." (www.plastnewark.org/bethlehem-peace-light)

Please come up to the front of the church and light a candle from the Bethlehem Peace Light. Once lit, you will hold your candle and recite the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" along with your prayers for peace.

You will then have your Bethlehem Peace Light candle to burn at home New Years Eve, New Years Day, Vigil of Theophany and The Holy Theophany as a "symbol of peace, warmth and love."

## House Blessing

If you wish to have your house blessed for the new year, please fill out the following form and drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the rectory on Tuesdays.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Days/times when **no one** will be home:



Special thanks to all parishioners who so kindly, sent us Christmas cards and warm greetings. May God bless you this Christmas and for the New Year.

May the Baby Jesus bring you and your family a spirit of hope, love and many Blessings!!!!

**Father Mykhaylo and Deacon Ed**

## Special Christmas Collection

This is the last week that the Apostleship of Prayer will be collecting for Christmas collection. This year, we are collecting monetary donations for Bishop Borys Gudziak's UCES Ginger Fund, benefitting orphans in Ukraine.

Monetary donations can be dropped in the collection basket in the front of the church. Special envelopes will be available in the back of the Church. Checks must be made payable to "Apostleship of Prayer."



## New Year Pastor Message – 2018.

**"The world is charged with the grandeur of God."**

**Today is a day of blessing.** In this New Year, God has blessed us with another opportunity to grow in love, to come closer to Him, and to experience Him in the person of Jesus.

**Today is a day of blessing.** We honor Mary – she who was blessed among women – as the mother of God.

*"When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman..." (Gal 4:4).*

**Today is a day of blessing.** On this eighth day after Christmas we remember the naming ceremony of Jesus. We bless and honor the holy name of Jesus. We acknowledge that there is power and blessing in His Name.

On this New Year day, let us seek the blessings of God on our dear ones. May the blessing of God come down on our families, on our workplaces, on our gatherings.

***"May God bless our New Year resolutions!***

***May the Lord bless you and keep you.***

***May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.***

***May the Lord show you his face and bring you peace"***

*Fr. Mykhaylo, Pastor.*



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