

+ УКРАЇНСЬКА ГРЕКО- КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА СВ. ЙОСАФАТА ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Бюлетень – Bulletin

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January 10, 2021

Sunday after Theophany; Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (after 394); Our Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Miletene (582-602); Our Venerable Father Marcian, Presbyter and Econome of the Great Church (450-57)

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Schedule of Sunday & Weekday Services

Envelopes: \$5/0.00 Parish Dues: \$3	320.00 Christmas Offering: \$50.00	
Sunday Collection for January 3, 2021:		
10:00 а.т Служба Божа	10:00 a.m Divine Liturgy	
9:30 а.m Вервиця і сповідь	9:30 a.m Rosary and Reconciliation	
<u>Зіслання Святого Духа</u>	Pentecost	
<u> 1.17.2021 – 32-ша Неділя після</u>	<u> 1.17.2021 – 32nd Sunday after</u>	
9:30 а.т Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 а.т Служба Божа	9:30 a.m Rosary and Reconciliation 10:00 a.m Divine Liturgy	
<u> 1.10.2021 – Неділя після Богоявлення</u>	<u> 1.10.2021 – Sunday after Theophany</u>	

Envelopes: \$540.00	Parish Dues: \$320.00	Christmas Offering: \$50.00
Loose Cash: \$320.00	Circumcision of Our Lord: \$35.0	0 Mission Fund: \$15.00
Candles: \$55.00	Initial Offering: \$27.00	TOTAL: \$1,362.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!

It is with great sadness we must inform you that long-time parishioner Nettie Zaluzec went to the Lord on December 17, 2020. The Funeral Service was on Monday, December 21, 2020 at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, followed by burial at Mount Hope Cemetery in Chicago, Illinois. Please keep Nettie in your prayers and pray that her five sons and their families may be consoled. *Eternal Memory. Вічная пам'ять*.

<u>Парафіяльні Оголошення</u>

- 1. Якщо ви бажаєте, щоб священник відвідав ваш дім з Йорданським благословенням, будь ласка, виповніть форму, яка є при вході до храму.
- 2. Починаючи з цього тижня, Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажаючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
- 3. Дорогі батьки, класи катехизми розпочались сьогодні та будуть відбуватись щонеділі о 9 ранку.
- 4. У зв'язку зі зростанням захворюваності на COVID-19 просимо одягати маски, мити руки чи використовувати санітайзер та зберігати дистанцію
- 5. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні, а також щоб США зібралися разом і намагалися зрозуміти один одного.

Parish Announcements

- 1. If you would like to have your house blessed with Jordan Holy water, please, fill out form by the church entrance.
- 2. Starting this week: We need additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
- 3. Parents, please remember catechism classes resumed today and will be at 9 am before Liturgy each week.
- 4. Due to the increase in Covid 19 cases, please remember to wear a mask, wash hands or use sanitizer and keep social distance from those not in your family.
- 5. We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine, and that people of the USA come together and try to understand each other.

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish

Finbarr Jones, Olga Wasylowsky, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Natalie Shuya, Charlotte Scheuer, Irene Karpinec, Nadia Kusznir, Oksana Nosyk, Rose Adamko, John Lackhouse, Richard Case, Laura Baker Coughlin and young Samuel Rocha. Remember also all those who have suffered due to Covid 19 – the ill, the deceased, the healthcare workers and those lost jobs because of the virus. *If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.*

Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at **773-979-4737** to let him know who would like a visit. О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером **773-979-4737**.

Who is Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa?

St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, was a younger brother of St. Basil the Great. After an excellent education, he was a teacher of rhetoric. In 372, he was consecrated by St. Basil the Great as bishop of the city of Nyssa in Cappadocia. St. Gregory was an ardent advocate for Orthodoxy, fighting against the Arian heresy with St. Basil. He was persecuted by the Arians who falsely accused him of improper use of church property, and thereby deprived him of his See sending him to Ancyra. The next year he was again deposed in absentia by a council of Arian bishops, but he continued to encourage his flock in Orthodoxy, wandering about from place to place. After the death of the emperor Valens (378), St. Gregory was restored to his cathedra. When his brother St. Basil the Great died in 379, with difficulty St. Gregory survived the loss of his brother and quide. He delivered a funeral oration for him, and completed St. Basil's study of the six days of Creation, the Hexaemeron. That same year St. Gregory participated in the Council of Antioch against heretics who refused to recognize the perpetual virginity of the Mother of God. Others at the opposite extreme. who worshipped the Mother of God as being God Herself, were also denounced by the Council. He visited the churches of Arabia and Palestine, which were infected with the Arian heresy, to assert the Orthodox teaching about the Most Holy Theotokos. On his return journey St, Gregory visited Jerusalem and the Holy Places. In the year 381 St. Gregory was one of the chief figures of the 2nd Ecumenical Council, convened at Constantinople against the heresy of Macedonius, who incorrectly taught about the Holy Spirit. At this Council, on the initiative of St. Gregory, the Nicean Symbol of Faith (the Creed) was completed. Together with the other bishops St. Gregory affirmed St. Gregory the Theologian as Archpastor of Constantinople. In 383, St. Gregory of Nyssa participated in a Council at Constantinople, where he preached a sermon on the divinity of the Son and the Holy Spirit. In 386, he was again at Constantinople, and gave the funeral oration in memory of the empress Placilla. Again in 394 Saint Gregory was present in Constantinople at a local Council, convened to resolve church matters in Arabia. St. Gregory of Nyssa was a fiery defender of Orthodox dogmas and a zealous teacher of his flock, a kind and compassionate father to his spiritual children, and their intercessor before the courts. He was distinguished by his magnanimity, patience and love of peace. Having reached old age, St. Gregory of Nyssa died soon after the Council of Constantinople. Together with his great contemporaries, Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian, St. Gregory of Nyssa had a significant influence on the Church life of his time. His sister, St. Macrina, wrote to him: "You are renowned both in the cities, and gatherings of people, and throughout entire districts. Churches ask you for help." St. Gregory is known in history as one of the most profound Christian thinkers of the fourth century. Endowed with philosophical talent, he saw philosophy as a means for a deeper penetration into the authentic meaning of divine revelation. St. Gregory left behind many remarkable works of dogmatic character, as well as sermons and discourses. He has been called "the Father of Fathers."

John the Baptist and Forerunner

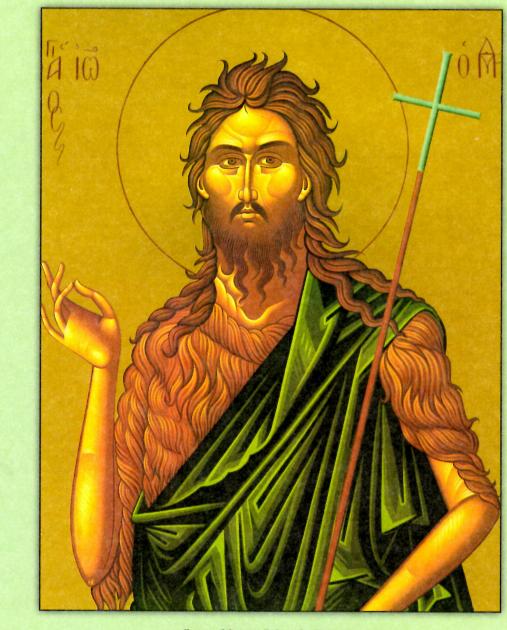
For the Church, John was a prophetic and tragic figure. He is called the 'Baptist' because he baptized those who came to him; he is called the 'Forerunner' because he went before Christ and prepared His way, making His paths straight, in accordance with the words of the prophet: "The voice of one crying 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?

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY/EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



Icon of Saint John the Baptist