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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Бюлетень – Bulletin

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**January 7, 2024**

## Sunday after Theophany. Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.

**Tone 7**

### Schedule of Sunday Services

#### 01.07.24 – Неділя після

#### Богоявлення

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

#### 01.14.24 – Неділя Закхея.

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа



*Even after the holidays, please remember those who have less. We will be collecting food items to be given to the local food pantry. Please show your thanks to God for what you have by sharing generously with others.*



#### 01.07.24 – Sunday after Theophany,

#### Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

#### 01.14.24 – Sunday of Zaccheus

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10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

*Start the New Year 2024 right! Come to church to worship God on Sundays and Holy Days!*

### Парафіяльні Оголошення

1. Якщо ви бажаєте, щоб священник відвідав ваш дім з Йорданським благословенням, будь ласка, виповніть форму, яка є при вході до храму.
2. Група волонтерів та парафіян, які варять вареники, зустрічаються після 18-19 січень.
3. 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 Yordan Holy water, please, fill out form by the church entrance.
2. Pyrohy ministry will be on vacation until after the New Year January 18-19.
3. We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine.

### *Sunday Collections for Sunday, December 31, 2023:*

Envelopes: \$245.00

Loose Cash: \$77.00

Circumcision of Our Lord: \$25.00

Candles: \$49.00

Initial Offering: \$5.00

**TOTAL: \$401.00**

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

**Christ  
Is Baptized!  
In the (river)  
Jordan!**



**Христос  
хрещається!  
У річці  
Йордані!**

## DONATE TO SHARE 2023

Просимо вас розглянути можливість підтримки **Share 2023**. Свої внески Ви можете надсилати на адресу Єпархії, кинути їх у кошики для пожертв протягом найближчих тижнів заклику або зробити онлайн пожертву на нашому веб-сайті [www.chicagougcc.org](http://www.chicagougcc.org) (натисніть на банер Share-2023).

Please consider supporting **Share 2023**. You can either mail your contributions to the Eparchy address, place it in the collection basket during the coming weeks of the appeal or make an online donation on the website [www.chicagougcc.org](http://www.chicagougcc.org) (click on “Share-2023” banner).

With great sadness we must announce our long-time parishioner Nadia Kusznir, age 95, of Hammond IN, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 15, 2023. Please pray for Nadia's soul and that her family be comforted. *Eternal memory - Vichnaya pamyat!*



## Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

On the day after the Theophany of the Lord, the Church honors the one who participated directly in the Baptism of Christ, placing his own hand upon the head of the Savior. St. John, the holy Forerunner & Baptist of the Lord, whom the Lord called the greatest of the prophets, concludes the history of the Old Testament and opens the era of the New Testament. The holy Prophet John bore witness to the Only-Begotten Son of God, incarnate in the flesh. St. John was accounted worthy to baptize Him in the waters of the Jordan, and he was a witness of the Theophany of the Most Holy Trinity on the day of the Savior's Baptism. The holy Prophet John, the son of the Priest Zachariah and Righteous Elizabeth, was related to the Lord on His mother's side. The holy Forerunner, John, was born six months before Christ. The Archangel Gabriel announced his birth in the Temple at Jerusalem, revealing to Zachariah that a son was to be born to him. Through the prayers offered beforehand, the child was filled with the Holy Spirit. St. 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 thirty, he came forth preaching repentance. He appeared on the banks of the Jordan, to prepare the people by his preaching to accept the Savior of the world. In church hymnology, St. John is called a "bright morning star," whose gleaming outshone the brilliance of all the other stars, announcing the coming dawn of the day of grace, illumined with the light of the spiritual Sun, our Lord Jesus Christ. Having baptized the sinless Lamb of God, St. John soon died a martyr's death, beheaded by the sword on orders of King Herod at the request of his daughter Salome.

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

Stephanie Babij, Olga Wasylovsky, Charlotte Scheuer, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Georgia Sosnowski, Myroslava Iwachiw, Irene Karpinec, Debbie Woloch, Howard Vaughn and young Samuel Rocha. Remember those who have suffered or died due to Covid 19.

Please pray for those who have been killed, injured or displaced due to war in Ukraine.

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.

### *Let Us Venerate Today the Baptism of Christ ... Wash Yourself and Be Clean*

I cannot restrain my joy; my heart is deeply moved and filled with delight. Forgetting my weakness, I long to undertake the mission of the great John the Baptist; though I am not the Forerunner, I have indeed come from the desert!

Christ receives the sacrament of enlightenment, or rather He enlightens us with His brilliance. He is baptized; let us go down into the water with Him so that we may also come up with Him. John is baptizing, and Jesus comes to him. Christ certainly sanctifies the man who now baptizes Him, but His purpose is chiefly to bury the old Adam in the waters and, above all, to sanctify the waters of the Jordan by His baptism in them so that just as He was spirit and flesh, those who would later be baptized might be sanctified by the power of the Spirit and by water.

John refuses; Jesus insists. "It is you that should be baptizing me!" says John. The torch addresses the Sun, the voice speaks to the Word. Jesus comes out of the water, drawing the world with Him, as it were, and raising it up when it had hitherto been sunk in the abyss. He sees the heavens not being rent, but opening of their own accord.

The first Adam had of old closed heaven to himself and us, just as he had seen the earthly paradise being closed to him, with a fiery sword barring access. The Holy Spirit bears witness. Here all is in perfect harmony, for the testimony comes from heaven, just as He to whom the Spirit bears witness has come from heaven.

*St. Gregory the Theologian*

## SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



*Icon of Theophany -- January 6th*