

Synaxis of the Forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist

In the Eastern Churches it is customary, on the day following the Great Feasts of the Lord and the Mother of God, to remember those saints who participated directly in the sacred event. So, on the day following 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.

Saint John, the holy Forerunner and Baptizer 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. Saint John was deemed 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. Saint 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, Saint 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, illuminated with the light of the spiritual Sun, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Having baptized the sinless Lamb of God, Saint John soon died a martyr's death, beheaded by the sword on orders of King Herod at the request of his daughter Salome.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date
 that he will be with us to celebrate
 the 100 years of the founding of our parish.
266 days or 38 weeks

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jan 11	Sunday after Theophany	✠ George & Jennie Manculich
Jan 12	No Liturgy	
Jan 13	No Liturgy	
Jan 14	No Liturgy	
Jan 15	No Liturgy	
Jan 16	No Liturgy	
Jan 17	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 18	Sunday of Zaccheaus	✠ Charles Lutak Barb Kline

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ
 and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part
 of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

Sunday after Theophany

Ephesians 4:7-14

First Antiphon

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people,*
Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Savior, save us.
The sea beheld this and fled,* the Jordan turned back on its course.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Savior, save us.
Why was it, O Sea, that you fled,* that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course.

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Troparion (Tone 6)

Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Troparion of the Theophany (Tone 1)

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,* worship of the Trinity was revealed.* the voice of the Father bore witness to You,* naming You “beloved Son,”* and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the Word’s certainty.* Glory to You, O Christ God,* who appeared and enlightened the world.

Kondakion (Tone 4)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit* now and forever and ever. Amen.

Today You have appeared to the world* and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us,* who with knowledge sing Your praises.* You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us* as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us* as we have hoped in You.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever; from generation to generation

I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Irmos, Instead of “It is truly”

O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.

Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due,* O Mother of God.* Even a Spirit from above is filled with dizziness* when seeking to sing Your praises.* But since you are good accept our faith,* for you know well our love inspired by God.* For it is you who protect all Christians;* therefore, we magnify you.

Communion Verse

The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3X)

We have seen..., May our Mouths...(3X), Blessed be the Name of the Lord...(3X)

All creation is filled with rejoicing today for Christ was baptized in the Jordan.

Matthew 4:12-17

Weekly Collection - January 4, 2026 - \$340.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$175.00 Holy Day - \$10.00 Candles - \$5.00 Fuel - \$5.00

Initial Offer - \$25.00 Dues - \$25.00 Misc - \$95.00

PARISH NEWS

Blessing of Houses - Father Andriy will bless houses in the Ebensburg area today following the Liturgy

World Marriage Day - A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Feb. 14th at 11:00AM in our parish.

There will be a Divine Liturgy, renewal of vows, photos followed by a lite luncheon in our church hall.

Please complete and return the below form no later than Sunday, January 11, 2026

Pyrohy Pinching Days - Get your pinching fingers ready for January 23 and January 30.

Pyrohy Sales - Once again our parish we be selling pyrohy for Lent. Orders are due by January 21.

Tell your friends and family to come and buy our pyrohy.

Singers Needed - In preparation for the 100th Anniversary, singers are needed to sing the Divine Liturgy.

Many of the songs for the divine Liturgy are in 3 and 4 part. See Ryan if you are wanting to help make the day extra special with raising your voice to God.

Prayer List

Millie Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones, Sarah Wilson, Lori Sedlock, Helen Farster, Bekka Facemire. *To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

Future Events:

Pyrohy Sale - February 13

World Marriage Day - February 14

Lent begins - February 16

Pysanky Class - March 7 & 14

Paska Sale - March 28

Holy Week - March 30 to April 3

Easter - April 5

Parish Easter Dinner - April 12

International Icon of Fatima - May 13

Sight & Sound Trip - July 23

Vacation Bible School - July 27-31

Ebensburg PotatoFest - September 26

100th Anniversary - October 4

St Nicholas Dinner - December 6

Pyrohy & Nut Roll Sale - December 12

Joke of the Day

A job applicant was asked, “What would you consider to be your main strengths and weaknesses?” “Well,” he began, “my main weakness would definitely be my issues with reality—telling what’s real from what’s not.” “Okay,” said the interviewer. “And what about your strengths?” “I’m Batman.”