

June 24, 2018

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- Nativity of St. John the Baptist

TROPAR (Tone 4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen granting to the world great mercy."

Tropar of Nativity of John the Baptist (Tone 4): O Prophet and forerunner of the coming of Christ, in spite of our honour and devotion, we are unable to give you worth praise. Through your glorious and noble birth your mother's childlessness was ended, your father's tongue was freed, and the incarnatio of Son of God was proclaimed to the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

KONDAK (Tone 4): My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave as God has raised out of bondage the children of earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

PROKIMEN (Tone 4): How great are Your works, O Lord: You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. How great are Your works, O Lord: You have made all things in wisdom.

EPISTLE: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (10:1-10)

ALLELUIA VERSES: Poise yur self and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:28-9:1

INSTEAD OF "It is truly right": O my soul glorify the birth of John, the forerunner and baptizer of Christ. O all pure Virgin, the ineffable mystery of the Word of God is clearly fulfilled in You. In his compassion, God has become flesh through you. Therefore, we extol you as Theotokos.

COMMUNION HYMN: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READERS: Today - Christine Hladky

July 1 - Myron Herasymiuk

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Today - Ernie Paluck, Basil Kuzuk

July 1 - Tyer Woloshyn

USHERS & COLLECTING: Today - Pat Romanow, Ted Dusyk

July 1 - Art Wytrykush, Walter Brigidear

GREETERS: Today - Terry & Rosanne Miller

July 1 - Ernie & Jayne Paluck

ALTAR SERVERS: Every Sunday - All volunteers are welcome

DIVINE LITURGIES...

Monday, June 25 - The Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia [Romans 16:17-24; Matthew 13:10-23]

7:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy (+Seraphina Malowany requested by Fr. Basil and Angela Malowany)

Tuesday, June 26 - Our Venerable Father David Thessalonica [1Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 13:24-30]

6:30 p.m. - Divine Liturgy (+Mike Vantour requested by St. Athanasius UCWLC) followed by UCWLC Meeting

Wednesday, June 27 - Our Venerable Father Samson, Host of Strangers; +Blessed Bishop Nicholas Charnetsky and His 27 Companions [1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8; Matthew 13:31-36]

8:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (For God's Blessings upon Samuel Malowany requested by Fr. Basil and Angela Malowany)

Thursday, June 28 - The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Unmercenaries Cyrus and John [1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Matthew 13:36-43]

6:30 p.m. - Moleben to St. Athanasius followed by Parish Council Meeting

Friday, June 29 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION; The Holy Glorious, All-Praiseworthy and Chief Apostles Peter and Paul [2 Corinthians 11:21-12-9; Matthew 16:13-19]

7:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy (For the faithful)

Saturday, June 30 - The Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-Praiseworthy Twelve Apostles [1Corinthians 4:9-16; Mark 3:13-19]

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (+Mary, Emmett, Margaret & Angus Brady)

Sunday, July 1 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost; The Holy Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian [Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8]

9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius (For the faithful)

1:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy at Chaplin (Praznyk with lunch and blessing of water)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Tuesday, June 26: - Noon K of C Bingo

7:00pm - UCWLC Meeting at St. Athanasius

Wednesday, June 27 - 7:00pm~UCBC Meeting at St. Athanasius

Thursday, June 28 - 7:00pm~Parish Council Meeting at St. Athanasius

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to the family and friends of the late +Ted Riddell who passed away on Saturday, June 16 in Regina. Funeral Divine Liturgy was held on Saturday, June 23 at 10:30 a.m at St. Athanasius Parish.

Vichnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory!

SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES are extended to Carolyn Dribnenki and family in the death of her Uncle Mitchel Bomok of Speers Sk. who passed on Sunday, June 17 in Saskatoon. Prayers on Tuesday, June 26 and Divine Liturgy service will be held on Wednesday, June 27th at 11:00 a.m. at the Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hafford, Sk. *Vichnaya Pamyat! Eternal Memory!*

A BABY SHOWER Come 'n' Go – please plan to attend a baby shower in honour of Father Basil and Angela's new son Samuel taking place this afternoon from 2:00pm - 4:00pm at Mark and Karen Woitas's house, 7343 Mapleview Cres. Call 306-775-0667 if you need any further information.

ST. ATHANASIUS UCBC 50/50 RAFFLE - Grand Prize Winner - Shirley Dobrescu, Regina Sk. Ticket #1556 winner of \$5,290.00.

The St. Athanasius Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood extends "*Congratulations*" to the Grand Prize Winner and a big "*Thank You*" to all who participated and helped make this a successful raffle.

Newsletter



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS! The 3rd issue of Ultimate A & B Youth's Yearly Recap Newsletter is available for pick up at the back of the church. It highlights all the events from this past year along with the Key Takeaways from each month! Also, a digital copy is made available on the Parish and Eparchial websites (www.skeparchy.org or www.stbasilregina.com)

ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH ENTRANCE: Due to major construction taking place in front of the church there is no access to the main entrance doors. Please use the west parking lot doors to enter the church. Parking is available on the south side of the church and you may also use the parking area at the Huda School.

THE ANNUAL ST. ATHANASIUS GOLF TOURNAMENT: will be held on September 8th, 2018. For more information regarding the golf tournament refer to the poster in the front foyer and bulletin board in the auditorium. Sign up sheets are located in the foyer. We are also looking for prize donations for the tournament. Please see Art Wytrykush for further information.

MOOSE MOUNTAIN TOURS: have a trip planned for the Sandy Creek Gospel Jamboree on Saturday, July 21st. For more information refer to poster on the bulletin board in the auditorium.

THE FIRST ANNUAL LIFE & FAMILY CONFERENCE ~ July 13-15th in Rama Sask: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae sponsored by One More Soul Canada. 3 days of family fun. There will be 4 speakers, candlelight procession, family dance, Supper (Saturday) Mass and Adoration. If you would like more information pertaining to this event refer to the bulletin board in the auditorium.

ST. MICHAEL'S CAMP~MADGE LAKE – PEROGY SUPPER

Saturday, July 7, 2018 – 5pm – 7pm: Come on down if you are at the lake and want a home cooked meal. Perogies, Sausage, Salads, Dessert & Drinks. Tickets at the door! \$15.00 Adults ~ \$10.00 Youth Age 12 & under. All proceeds go to support St. Michael's Camp. We hope to see you there! For more information refer to poster on the bulletin board in the auditorium.

MUSEE UKRAINA MUSEUM: Summer hours are effective June 7, 2018 to August 30 2018. We will be open Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:30 pm, and Sundays 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please drop in

and visit us at 222 Avenue M South, (Sr. Theodosia Lane), Saskatoon. Or for tour by appointment call us at: 306-244-4212; or email us at: ukrainianmuseum@sasktel.net.

Museée Ukraina Museum, Saskatoon presents a new exhibiton titled: "In Process" by Saskatoon print maker, Jacob Semko. The exhibit will run through to August 18th, so please drop by and visit us at the museum at 222 Avenue M South, (Sr. Theodosia Lane), Saskatoon on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:30 pm, and Sundays 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. Or for tour by appointment call us at: 306-244-4212; or email us at: ukrainianmuseum@sasktel.net.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & MEDJUGORJE ~ With Father Daniel Wach OSBM from Edmonton Eparchy - September 21 to October 8, 2018: - visiting main sites in Pescara, Manoppello, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina, Bari, Matera, Craco, Alberobello, Dubrovnik and Medjugorje. For mor information regarding the pilgrimage refer to poster on the bulletin board in the auditorium.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: 57 regular envelopes used - \$1200, 1 Building Fund envelope - \$45, 2 Visitor envelopes - \$30, Loose Change - \$105.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24)

The apparition of the holy Archangel Gabriel to the priest Zacharias in the Temple, with the announcement of the birth to him and the righteous Elizabeth, of a son who would prepare the way for the Lord, the Savior of the world, and the subsequent fulfillment of this promise, are the first of the events related by the Evangelists.

The announcement of the holy Archangel Gabriel to Zacharias in the Temple begins the New Testament Gospel. The announcement of the same Archangel Gabriel six months later in Nazareth to the Virgin Mary concerning the birth from Her of the Son of God, Who was to become incarnate, is a continuation of the revelation of the Pre-eternal Counsel concerning the salvation of the human race.

Three months after, the Annunciation, St. John the Forerunner was born "in a city of Judah," and six months after him Christ Himself was born in Bethlehem.

These events are closely bound together. "The glorious conception of the Forerunner proclaimeth beforehand the King Who is to be born of a Virgin" (Exapostilarion, Sept. 23, Feast of the Conception of John the Baptist). The announcement of the Archangel Gabriel in the Temple, announced later to all living nearby by Zacharias, in the magnificent hymn, which he sang after the birth of the child, John and the restoration to him of the gift of speech (Luke 1:67-79), is the forerunner of the angelic hymn: "Glory to God in the highest;" which was sung in Bethlehem by the angels when they announced to the shepherds the Nativity of Christ.

The Nativity of John the Baptist is the first joy sent down by God to the human race, the

beginning of its deliverance from the power of the devil, sin and eternal death.

It is true that even before the Forerunner, the Most Holy Virgin Mary was born, and angels announced Her birth to Her parents. However, at that time, only Her parents knew of the exalted lot that was prepared for the Virgin Who was born, and they themselves were not fully aware of what had been announced to them beforehand. Therefore, it was only they, who celebrated at the birth of their Daughter, while the rest of the world only later understood the joy that had been announced (to it), by this birth.

For this reason, the feasts of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos and Her Entrance into the Temple were established in the Church and began to be solemnly celebrated significantly later than the other great feasts, whereas the Nativity of John the Forerunner is one of the most ancient and most venerated of Christian feasts. Sermons on this feast have been preserved from the first centuries.

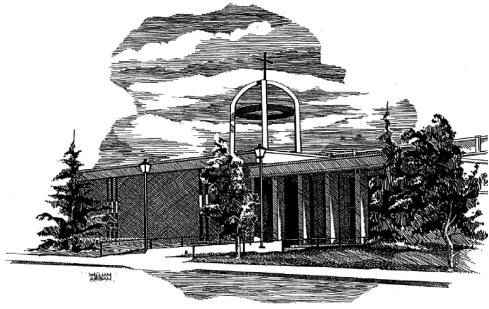
From the day of the Nativity of John the Forerunner, the preparation of the human race begins for meeting the Son of God on earth. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people . . . And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways (Luke 1:68, 76). These God-inspired words of the priest Zacharias, after he had regained the gift of speech, were made known in all the land of Judea, causing disturbance to all living there, who asked each other in astonishment: What manner of child shall this be? (Luke 1:66). Involuntarily the thought arose: Is this not the Messiah Himself? Judea was in an especially tense state of expectation of the Savior. Thus, the child John prepared the way for the Lord by his very birth; and even while he was still in the womb of His mother, by his leaping (Luke 1:41) he announced the coming birth of the Child Jesus, as if crying out: "Christ is born, give ye glory. Christ comes from heaven, meet ye Him" (Irmos, Canticle One of the Canon, Feast of the Nativity of Christ).

Being born exactly half a year before Christ, John the Forerunner by the exact time of his birth depicted his mission of preparing the way for the Lord. He was born at the time of the year (June 24) when the day begins to grow shorter after the summer solstice, whereas the Nativity of Christ occurs (December 25) when the day begins to grow longer after the winter solstice. These facts are an embodiment of the words spoken later, by the Forerunner, after the beginning of Christ's preaching: He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30).

"The herald of the Sun, the Forerunner" was John the Baptist, who was like the morning star that announces the rising of the Sun of Righteousness in the East.

Just as the very event of the Nativity of John the Baptist was the antechamber of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so also the feast of the Nativity of John the Forerunner is also the antechamber of the feast of the Nativity of Christ. "The star of stars, the Forerunner, is born on earth today, from a barren womb, John the beloved of God, and manifests the dawning of Christ, the Orient from on high"

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DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Service in English; Confessions before every Divine Liturgy
Week Day Liturgies - As per the Schedule

MEMBERSHIP AT ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

Please contact Fr. Basil if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

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