

January 6 – January 12, 2019

## THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

**CHRIST IS BAPTIZED!**  
**Христос Хрещається!**

**IN THE RIVER JORDAN!**  
**У Ріці Йордані!**

**1<sup>st</sup> ANTIPHON:** When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of alien tongue. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour save us.* Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his domain. *Through the prayers ...* The sea beheld and fled, Jordan turned back. *Through the prayers ...* Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn your back? *Through the prayers ...* Glory be to the Father, ... (P. 23 of Liturgy books)

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANTIPHON:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

**TROPAR (Tone 1):** *At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, worship of the Trinity was revealed; for the Father's voice bore witness to You, calling You his beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world, glory be to You!* Let the house of Israel say that He is good and His mercy endures forever. *At your baptism ...* Let the house of Aaron say that He is good and His mercy endures forever. *At your baptism ...* Let all those who fear the Lord say that He is good and His mercy endures forever. *At your baptism ...*

**LITTLE ENTRANCE:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, we blessed you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us. *Tropar, Tone 1: At your baptism ...*  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever, Amen.*

**KONDAK (Tone 4):** Today You have revealed Yourself to the universe, and Your light, O Lord, has shone upon us who spiritually sing to You: "You have come and revealed Yourself, O Inaccessible Light."

**INSTEAD OF "Holy God ...":** All you, who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

**PROKIMEN -** Tone 4: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the Lord is God and has appeared to us.  
**Verse:** *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.*

**EPISTLE:** St. Paul to Titus (2:11-14; 3:4-7)

**ALLELUIA:** Give thanks to the Lord, you sons of God, give to the Lord glory and praise.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters, the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over vast waters.

**GOSPEL:** St. Matthew 3:13-17

**INSTEAD OF "It is truly right" ...:** O my soul, glorify Christ the King baptized in the River Jordan. No tongue has the power to fittingly extol you; and even a supernatural mind is powerless to glorify you, O Mother of God. But in your graciousness, accept our faith because you know our holy ambition; for you are the protectress of Christians, and we extol you.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** The grace of God has appeared, offering salvation to all men. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

**INSTEAD OF "Blessed is He...", "We have seen the true light...", "May our mouths...", and "Blessed be the name...":** All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

**READERS:** Today – Stephanie Royal

January 13 – Christine Hladky

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Today – Ernie Paluck, Basil Kuzyk

January 13 – Mark Woitas, Len Markewich

**USHERS:** Today – Joe Lawryk, Pat Romanow

January 13 – Kevin Korchinski, Ted Dusyk

**GREETERS:** Today – Ernie & Jayne Paluck

January 13 – Mark & Karen Woitas

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Every Sunday – All volunteers

## DIVINE LITURGIES...

**Monday, January 7** – The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ – Christmas

(Julian Calendar) [Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12]

**6:30 p.m. – Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian**

**Tuesday, January 8** – Post-feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father George the Chosebite (610-41); Our Venerable Mother Dominica (474-91); and Emilian the Confessor [Hebrews 4:1-13; Luke 21:12-19]

**9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (for Seniors of St. Basil's Parish)**

**Wednesday, January 9** – Post-feast of Theophany; the Holy Martyr Polyeuctus (249-51) [Hebrews 5:11-6:8; Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24]

**9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (for the intentions of Kallal brothers and sisters, requested by St. Matthew Society)**

**Thursday, January 10** – Post-feast of Theophany; Our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (after 394); the Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Miletene (582-602); Our Venerable Father Marcian, Presbyter and Econome of the Great Church (450-57)

**No Services Scheduled**

**Friday, January 11** – Post-feast of Theophany; Our Venerable Father Theodosius, Founder of the Cenobitic Monastic Life (529)

**No Services Scheduled**

**Saturday, January 12** – Saturday after Theophany; the Holy Martyr Tatiana [Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17]

**4:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy in Mosse Jaw – Blessing of homes**

**Sunday, January 13** – Sunday after Theophany, Tone 1: the Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus (313-24) [Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17]

**9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy at St. Athanasius (for the faithful)**

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

**Monday, January 7** – 6:30 pm~The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ – Christmas (Julian Calendar)

- 6:30pm - Catechism

**Tuesday, January 8** - Noon~K of C Bingo

**Friday, January 11** - 1:30pm~Father Vasyl meeting ARCCIC

- 4:00pm-9:00pm St. A's auditorium set-up and decorating for Malanka

**Saturday, January 12** – 4:00pm – 2:00am Sunday~Malanka at St A's Auditorium

**BLESSING OF HOMES AFTER THEOPHANY:** sign up sheets are in the foyer. Fr Vasil will be blessing homes until Saturday, February 2, 2019.

**THANK YOU TO ALL** for your gracious Christmas cards and gifts, may God bless you always.

**Fr. Vasil, Alla & Volodymyr**

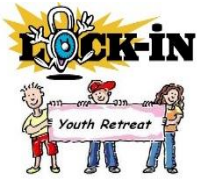
**THANK YOU** is extended to the UCWLC for their donation of \$1500.00 towards the St. Athanasius Building fund. Your kindness is very much appreciated. God Bless your organization for continued health to proceed with future endeavours.

**UCWLC NOTES:** The UCWLC St. Athanasius Branch would like to thank all members and parishioners who worked so hard at the perogy and cabbage roll bees to make them a success. A big thank-you as well to all members and parishioners who sold to friends, family and co-workers. **Your hard work and support helped us achieve one of our most successful fundraisers!**

Also, a big thank you to all our Branch members and parishioners who donated to the Bakeless Bake Sale in October. Your contributions helped us achieve one more goal.

**Ultimate A & B Youth Announcement:** Happy New Year! Our next event will take place **Friday, January 18.**

We will be going Christmas Caroling to the St. Basil's Manor. Please **meet** at St. Basil's Parish at **6:45pm** and we will walk over all together. Invite your friends and family to join us. Please email Lesia at [ultimateaandb@hotmail.com](mailto:ultimateaandb@hotmail.com) if you are able to attend.



**Youth "Lock-In" Retreat**  
Hosted By Ultimate A & B Youth  
Friday, February 1 and Saturday, February 2, 2019  
St. Basil's Parish Centre (1717 Toronto Street, Regina)  
Hey Youth in Grades 7-12!

Are you interested in attending a 24-hour Lock-in? Each year the Ultimate A and B Youth (St. Athanasius and St. Basil's youth group) in Regina, SK host one and would love for you to join us!

**It takes place Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:45pm and continuing all day on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Basil's Parish Centre (1717 Toronto St, Regina).**

This year's theme will be "Unashamed". Activities for the two days include: bowling, spiritual sessions, a guest speaker, team building challenges and so much more.

The cost for the event will be \$10. This will cover all the meals and activities.

The registration deadline is Friday, January 25.

**PUSCHENNIA FUNDRAISER SPONSORED BY THE ULTIMATE A and B YOUTH** on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at St. Basil's Parish Centre. For more information regarding this event, refer to poster on the bulletin board in the auditorium.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL TREE:** Once again the memorial tree is set up in the front foyer. Christmas is a time to spend with loved ones, family and friends, and to remember those who are no longer with us in person but are with us in spirit. If you wish to donate, you may do so by placing your money and family names in the marked envelopes at the back of the church and placed in the Sunday collection basket. Fr. Vasyl will have the Panakhyda for all those departed family and friends on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. All funds received will be deposited into the St. Athanasius Building Fund.

**2019 SUNDAY DONATION ENVELOPES & CALENDARS (one per family please)** are available for pick up in the foyer. If there is an error or if you did not receive a set of envelopes, please contact the office.

**2019 MALANKA** will be held at St. Athanasius Parish Centre on Saturday, January 12, 2019. For more information regarding this event, refer to poster on the bulletin board in the auditorium.



**Italian Pilgrimage Invitation: Rome, Italy, APRIL 3 – 16, 2019, with Spiritual Director – Father Basil Malowany, Sacred Heart Church, Ituna, SK: There are 3 double occupancy accommodations remaining ... until January 15, 2019!** A chance to experience a part of the historic beauty, culture and spirituality of Italy. An Italian tour leader will be with the group daily. 6 nights in Rome, 3 nights in Assisi; 3 nights in Florence. Lodging & meals will be either in hotels or religious institutes; 2 meals per day while in Italy (breakfast & dinner). **Prices from Regina Departure:** \$4,065/person-double occupancy. **Prices from Saskatoon Departure:** \$4145/person-double occupancy. Prices include all airfare taxes and surcharges. Medical insurance costs are not included **but are mandatory**. Does not include, **but advised:** baggage, cancellation & trip accident insurance costs. **For further inquires and booking please contact**

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**Bishop Andrew Roborecki Foundation** was established in 1982 to accept donations from the Faithful for educational support of Seminarians and Students who will serve our Eparchy. Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, has designated the month of **January** in which to make your donations. Please use your own church envelope and indicate "Donation for Roborecki Foundation" and deposit with your Sunday Collection. Make your cheques payable to your Parish, who will then forward all donations to the Foundation. Your donation will be receipted in your Parish records along with all your regular church donations. *Thank you for your continued support & prayers.*

**ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ!**

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:** 49 regular Sunday envelopes - \$1560; 5 Building Fund envelopes - \$1250; 4 Christmas Offering envelopes - \$50; 5 Memorial Tree envelopes - \$230; 5 Building Fund envelopes - \$1250; 1 Visitor envelope - \$10; Loose Change - \$80; 11 PAG's - \$1775.

**THEOPHANY AND THE BLESSING OF WATER** - One of the most impressive ceremonies of the Byzantine Rite is the Solemn Blessing of Water on the Feast of Theophany commemorating Christ's baptism in the River Jordan. The Theophany, the most ancient and venerable festivities, originated in Palestine where it was celebrated with a vigil and special services where, according to Christian tradition, Our Lord was actually baptized.

The Feast of Theophany was established as a solemn feast in the Eastern Church in the middle of the IV Century as proclaimed in the Apostolic Constitutions: "Let Theophany, in which the Lord manifested to us His own divinity, be to you the most honoured festival and let it be celebrated on the sixth day of January." (Cf. Apostolic Constitutions V, 13)

Why do we call this day Theophany? Because Jesus Christ manifested Himself to all people, not when He was born, but rather when He was baptized. Until that time He was unknown to the people, as testified by St. John the Baptist saying: "There stands among you One, Whom you don't know!" (Jn. 1:26).

In the Old Slavonic, the feast is called "Bohohavlenije", equivalent to the Greek, "Theophany", which means the manifestation of the Godhead. This word, however, more clearly reflects the manifestation of the Blessed Trinity at Christ's baptism as poetically described in the troparion of the feast: "At Your baptism in the Jordan ..."

The Solemn Blessing of Water according to the liturgical prescriptions should take place on the Eve of Theophany. However, the presently prevailing custom is to bless the water on the Feast of Theophany itself, immediately after the Divine Liturgy when the majority of the parish faithful are present. In the old country, it was a custom to go in procession to the nearest stream or river to perform the ritual of the Blessing of Water. A stream symbolizes the living waters of the Jordan River where Our Saviour came to be baptized by St. John.

When the priest dips the triple candle (Troyca) into the water 3 times, this is done in commemoration of Our Lord's baptism, when He, the Son of God, the "True Light" of the world (Jn 1:9) stepped down into the waters of the Jordan as the "Lamb who took away the sins of the world" (Jn 1:29) in order to wash them away by baptism. The Greek word "baptism" originally means a dipping in water, an immersion. The ceremony of dipping the candle taken three times for baptism is bestowed on us "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt. 28:19). This also reminds us of our own baptism and our commitment to Christ.

The breathing over the water in the form of a cross 3 times is a gesture of exorcism, purifying the water from the contamination and influence of the evil powers. When the priest makes the sign of the cross in the water 3 times with his fingers, this liturgical gesture symbolizes the blessing of Jordan, as though Jesus Christ Himself comes and touches the waters in order that to all who are "sprinkled with it, drink of it, or wash with it" may bring "sanctification, healing, cleansing and blessing."

After imparting the blessing of peace to the faithful, the celebrant immerses the holy cross into the water 3 times and intones the troparion "At Your baptism in the Jordan ..." which is completed by the cantor/choir and the faithful. This final part of the ceremony symbolizes the manifestation of the Holy Trinity as Jesus Christ [the Second Person] stepped out of the water, described in a poetic way by the troparion.

Following this, the concluding stichera, "O faithful, let us praise ..." is sung by the people while the celebrant sprinkles the altar and the walls of the church with the freshly blessed water. The faithful fill their containers with the newly blessed [Holy] water to take to their homes. It is a custom among our people to drink of the Holy Water for the "purification of their souls and bodies and cure of their weaknesses." This custom is very ancient and came to us with the ritual itself. The taking of the Holy Water to their homes is to have in it a fount of continued blessings and protection against all evil.

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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. Vasyl if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.**

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