

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2018 – Sunday after Theophany / Zacchaeus

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday January 21 – Sunday after Theophany / Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist (moved from Saturday) / Zacchaeus / Venerable George the Chozebite

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – (Blue Pew Book) pp. 148-150 [Antiphons from Theophany (pp. 145-146), Alleluias (Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist and Sunday after Theophany, pp. 149/150)]

Epistles: Acts 19:1-8 / 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospels: John 1:29-34 / Luke 19:1-10

Panachida for John Czibik given by Laurence Czibik

Sunday January 28 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) - Tropar Tone 1 (p. 81), Kondak (*Publican and the Pharisee*, p. 175)

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

Panachida for Sandra Doman given by Daniel Oneschuck and Leonard Ogden

Confessions: **(30 minutes) Prior to as well as following scheduled services.** When you come for Confession, please prepare yourself and sit in the front pew. If you cannot make the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Joseph Majcher Sr. Joseph Majcher Jr. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Maryann Ludwig. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewski.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Ann Richardson. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of John Czibik given by Laurence Czibik.

Parish Life

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and *we need your help* to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food...'"

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

January 14, 2018

\$263.00	General Collection
\$54.00	7 Day Light
\$73.00	Holy Days
\$10.00	Taper Candles
\$500.00	Christmas Donation
<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>St. Nicholas Dinner</u>
\$920.00	Total Collection

SPRING 2018 PIROHI SCHEDULE

Wednesday Prep	Thursday Pinching	Friday Sales
January 24	January 25	January 26
February 7	February 8	February 9
February 28	March 1	March 2
March 14	March 15	March 16
March 28	March 29	March 30

- The **Parish Board** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.
- **HOUSE BLESSINGS 2018!** – If you would like your home blessed, please sign the sheet in the vestibule, and include your phone number, address, and available time(s). **THANK YOU!**

Eternal Memory!

John Polanichka, brother of Nicholas and Protopresbyter Michael Polanichka, reposed in the Lord this past Thursday (1/18/18). The funeral will be held next Saturday (1/27/18). Please the keep the soul of John, and the comfort of his family in your thoughts and prayers. Vičnaja jemu pamjat!

THE SYNAXIS OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

TEXT from THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid

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Troparion (Tone 2)

The remembrance of the just is worthy of praise * but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; * for it has shown that you are indeed more worthy of honor than the Prophets. * You were found worthy to baptize in the waters the One Whom you foretold. * For this, you suffered for the truth * and rejoicing, also announced the good news to those in the abyss * that God had appeared as man * taking away the sins of the world * and granting to all of us His great mercy.



“ Because John’s main role in his life was played out on the day of Theophany, the Church has from earliest times dedicated the day following the Baptism of Christ in his memory. An incident with the hand of the Forerunner is also linked to this feast. The Evangelist Luke desired to remove the body of John from Sebaste, where the great prophet was beheaded by Herod, to Antioch, his place of birth. He succeeded, though, in acquiring and translating only one hand, which was preserved in Antioch until the 10th century. After this it was transferred to Constantinople, whence it disappeared during the time of the Turks.

Feasts of Saint John are celebrated several times throughout the year, but for many January 7/20 has the greatest significance, as it is also the day which many keep as their Patronal feast. Furthermore, among the Gospel personalities who surround the Savior, John the Baptist occupies a totally unique place by the manner of his entry into the world, and by the manner of his life in this world; by his role in baptizing people for repentance; by his baptizing the Messiah; and finally, by his tragic departure from this life. He was of such moral purity that, in truth, he could be called an angel – as Holy Scripture calls him – rather than a mortal man. Saint John especially differs from all other prophets in that he had that privilege of being able, with his hand, to show the world Him about Whom he prophesied.

It is said that every year on the feast of the saint, the bishop brought the hand of Saint John before the people. Sometimes the hand appeared open, and other times the hand appeared clenched. In the first case it signified a fruitful and bountiful year, and in the second case it meant a year of unfruitfulness and famine. ”