

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist -- June 24

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHER'S DAY
TONE 2

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR WEEK OF JUNE 22 – JUNE 28

Wednesday, June 24 – Nativity of John the Baptizer

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

Saturday, June 27

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, June 28 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners

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***Father's Day***

Today we celebrate Father's Day with a special Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy.

***May God bless all of you Fathers, Grandfathers, Step-Fathers and God-Fathers on this day set aside to honor you! May you always show forth the love, compassion, wisdom and faithfulness that is found in our Heavenly Father. Многая Лѣта! God grant you many blessed years!***

***Remember in your prayers***

Please remember in your prayers those people of our parish who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Bohdanchik James, Lesya Loznycky, Ken McDonald, Sophia Skop. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone who should be remembered.



***Prayers For Those Serving In The Military***

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving our country in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Michael Lopes, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.



### **Father's Day:** *By Msgr. Eugene A. Chromoga*

When we speak of a "vocation", we usually think of a "calling" to the religious life.... to become a priest. But this is not -so! Christ calls each person to follow him in a choice of different states of life. This includes not only the religious life, but also to the married life or the single state. Regardless of our calling, we are to be — workers and witnesses for Christ. Fatherhood is a vocation. In fact, God calls most men to this vocation. When a man accepts marriage and parenthood, he assumes not only its joy and pleasures, but also its responsibilities. God expects a father to cooperate with Him. This means a father accepts the obligation to teach his children Christ's way — the way of love and good example,

One of the best gifts a father can give his children is to give himself — his time and love. These are needed in order that children grow up into well-balanced adults. To give a good Christian family atmosphere, it is necessary that spiritual leadership comes from both father and mother.

On this Father's Day, express your gratitude to your father. Assure him of your prayers and thanks for having assumed and fulfilled his important role according to God's plan. If your father is already deceased, pray that God may have mercy on his soul and grant him a blessed repose and make his memory everlasting.

### ***Summer Schedule***

Beginning July 5th, there will be one Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 AM. This schedule will continue through September.

### ***Між Гітлером і Сталіном***

A limited number of “Між Гітлером і Сталіном — Україна в Другій Світовій війні” are available in Ukrainian. DVDs are \$25.00 and VHS tapes are \$15.00.

**Про фільм:** Був знятий на замовлення Україно-Канадського Дослідчо-Документаційного Центру відомим американським режисером українського походження Святославом Новицьким і є першою спробою подати історію найкривавішої війни саме з української позиції.

### ***FR. JAMES WILL BE AWAY...***

Fr. James will be out of town from June 30<sup>th</sup> until July 10th. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Robert Pipta of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511 or Fr. Sabba Shofany of St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Mission at (619) 410-7868. The Liturgy on July 5<sup>th</sup> will be served by Fr. Sabba. Welcome Fr. Sabba!

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***Birth of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John***

In both the Scriptures and in the Church's liturgy John the Baptizer is referred to as an angel, prophet, apostle, hermit and martyr, for these terms well describe his life work. John, like the angels, was sent from God to be the messenger of the Lord. His message was that of the prophets who came before him: repent for the Messiah of God is at hand. Like the Apostles who followed him, John pointed to Jesus and proclaimed him as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." He prepares for his ministry as a hermit in the desert, living a life of prayer, fasting and continence. And, like all those who dare to proclaim the truth, he suffered a martyr's death in fidelity to God. John, in fact, closely resembles the Lord Jesus in his birth, life and death. And Jesus was perfect, so John sought out, not only personal perfection, but also the perfect One, Jesus Christ. The birth of John was announced by the Archangel Gabriel who would also announce Christ's birth. His birth like that of the Lord, was surrounded by improbability and wonder: for an aged couple, with no hope of offspring, the angel gives the joyful news of the birth of a son, John. While in the womb, John was sanctified for his mission of preaching repentance and pointing out the messiah. Before their births Jesus and John encountered each other in the persons of their mothers. As Mary greeted Elizabeth, John (still in the womb) jumped for joy as he recognized the presence of Jesus in the womb of Mary. Thus John was born to grace before his human birth. Since he was to prepare the Lord's way, it was only proper that he should be prepared by God's grace for his prophetic work. May the prayers of John the Baptist be with us. Amen.