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Birth of John the Baptist and Forerunner



**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistles – Romans 6:18-23 and Romans 13:11-14:4 (*Forerunner*)

Brothers and sisters: Having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members to uncleanness and to greater and greater lawlessness, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness. But then what fruit did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have

become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Brothers and sisters: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he shall be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

Gospels – Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 (Forerunner)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to Him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, terribly tormented." And He said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have Thee come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed Him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of which you have been informed. In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechari'ah, of the division of Abi'jah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechari'ah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechari'ah, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Eli'jah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zechari'ah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zechari'ah, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men."

Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zechari'ah after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zechari'ah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways", and the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

JUNE 24 - ANNOUNCEMENTS: **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

TODAY following Divine Liturgy we will having 40 day Panahida in memory or DARIA TSAKOFF

Just a reminder: Our 3rd **Annual All Church Birthday Party** has been postponed until *Sunday, July 29*

Don't forget: next week NO DIVINE LITURGY. – ALL SERVICES BEING HELD AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE IN FENTON MI. PLEASE JOIN OTHER DIOCESAN CHURCHES FOR THE HIERARCHICAL LITURGY FOLLOWED BY A LAMB ROAST. MAPS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CANDLE STAND

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! TO EVERYONE!!!

Parish Council met last Sunday and the following items were discussed

- Financial Statement for May: Income: \$5,979.25
Expenses: 6,819.98
Deficit income May: - **840.73**

Discussion followed as income for the summer is much reduced in comparison to winter.

Question: How will we meet our summer expenses?

- Importance of & how do we increase physical & emotional involvement of our church family
- Need to improve our communication with our church family in order to share our accomplishments and what our goals are
- Annual church picnic – How improve from last year – need suggestions
- Emergency call list – Each parish council member is to call Father Royer when he/she has made all assigned c

If you would like to know more regarding any of these items or make suggestions, please speak with any member of parish council.

Prayer List: POWER OF PRAYER (PoP): Our church has a prayer list. If you, a member of your family, a friend would like to be included on our prayer chain, please call either Father Royer (313-565-9863) or Jann Petroff (734-283-0908).

Please remember the following in your daily prayers:

Helen Arnaut	Sandra Arnaut	Henry (Pepper) Rehn	Bo Christoff
Georgia Runyon	Ken Starling	Ray Winowiecki	Kevin Chrzan
Diane	Shaunda	Aunt Rose	Joel
Kennedy	Adam	Steve	Sophia

JUNE 17 DONATIONS:

FOR HEALTH OF(FHO):

FHO: FAMILY – ANGIE PANZOFF

FHO: my brother **LARRY &** nephew-in- law **STEVEN S. MICHAEL** on Father's Day – COLLEEN PANDOFF

FHO: FAMILY & OUR 36 ANNIVERSARY – PETE & JANN PETROFF

FHO: STAVRO GIANKULIS on Father's Day **& ALL FATHERS** – JIM & DELPHINE CONNOR

FHO: FAMILY & FATHERS ON FATHER'S DAY – MARY ROLEY

**FHO: FAMILY & ALL FATHERS , GRANDFATHERS, GREAT GRANDFATHERS& GODFATHERS
ON FATHER'S DAY – LAZAR FAMILY**

FHO: FATHERS ON FATHER'S DAY – MUZZIN FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF (IMO):

IMO: my father **PETER, DEDO GEORGE & GEORGE** – COLLEEN PANDOFF

IMO: OUR FATHERS – PETE & JANN PETROFF

IMO: my husband, **DONALD LOY TRAVIS** (2 mos.) , **HIS UNCLE JIM GOYOT** (passed away 6/15/18),
my father **LOUIS KOSTOFF, CLARENCE OVERBY &** my godfather **UNCLE JAMES KOSTOFF**
– CHERYL TRAVIS

IMO: NICK GEORGE, VASIL GEORGE, HARRY TOROSIAN & FR. GEORGE NICOLOFF
– VIRGINIA TOROSIAN

IMO: OUR FATHERS & GRANDFATHERS – MUZZIN FAMILY

IMO: JULIE ROLEY – ROSEMARY TANASOFF

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY 1 – NO DIVINE LITURGY – ALL Services being held AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE IN FENTON MI.
PLEASE join other diocesan churches for the HIERARCHICAL LITURGY followed by a lamb roast.

8 – Parish Council Meeting

15 – Ladies Guild Meeting

29 – 3RD ANNUAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

50th Anniversary Committee meeting

AUG. 12 – SUBDEACON DAVID REHN'S ORDINATION

SEPT. 16 – SUBDEACON FEO TIMPKO'S ORDINATION