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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. (English)  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian and English)  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Ukrainian)  
Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 a.m.

### Holy Days of Obligation:

6:00 p.m. (English on the preceding evening)  
9:00 a.m. on the Holy Day  
Other Services as announced.

### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### WEBSITES:

[www.stjohnbaptistucc.com](http://www.stjohnbaptistucc.com)

### BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION:

Parishioners should make plans to have their children baptized and chrismated in a timely fashion. Please call the rectory before setting a date for the ceremony. *(All sponsors must be catholic, have received all sacraments and be a parishioner in good standing in the church they attend.)*

### CONFESSIONS:

Before weekend Divine Liturgies and Holy Days.

### MARRIAGE:

Please call the rectory at least six months in advance. Pre-marital counseling is mandatory.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

Kindly notify the rectory regarding parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing homes.

### CEMETERY:

Purchase of cemetery plots is a privilege reserved to parishioners. Please contact the rectory before any major improvements are undertaken.

### CHURCH FACILITIES:

Any use of church facilities must be cleared in advance at the rectory. Literature may not be placed in or around the Church without approval.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

8:00 a.m. of the Monday preceding the weekend in which the announcement is to appear.

### ADDITIONAL FAITH RESOURCES:

[www.stamforddio.org](http://www.stamforddio.org)    [www.royaldoors.net](http://www.royaldoors.net)

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** If you are in need please contact St. Patrick's Food Pantry at 315-679-6825

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain or have a **Prayer Request**, please contact: Linda Wisnowski – (English only) 315-451-0712 or Lesia Nowey – (Ukrainian & English) 315-857-7281

As of now, any schedules or information posted in the bulletin or on the parish's Facebook or web site is subject to change.



**SATURDAY, January 8 - Saturday after the Theophany**

4:00PM - In memory of +Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky  
req. Eparchy of Stamford

**SUNDAY, January 9- Sunday after the Theophany**

9:00AM - **Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions: For true human fraternity** - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family. req. Apostleship of Prayer

11:00AM - Intention for Parishioners

**TUESDAY, January 11**

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Jennie Olywa  
req. Family

**WEDNESDAY, January 12**

8:00AM - God's blessings on the Temnycky Family  
req. Temnycky Family

**THURSDAY, January 13**

8:00AM - In loving memory of the +Guzelak Family  
req. Andrij Guzelak and Family

**FRIDAY, January 14**

8:00AM - In loving memory of +Helen Sobotka  
req. Nadia and Roman Iwachiw

**SATURDAY, January 15**

8:00AM - In loving memory of my father, +Dan Bush (48 yrs.)  
with Panakhyda req. son Fred Bush  
4:00PM - In loving memory of +Edward Shewchuk  
req. sister, Jane Troch & Family

**SUNDAY, January 16 - Thirty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00AM - In loving memory of +Maria Kohut with Panakhyda  
req. Steve Kohut and the Meeks Family  
11:00AM - Intention for Parishioners

**READINGS**

**January 9**

**Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13**  
**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17**

*A copy of the Liturgical Proper's can be found in the back of the church for you to follow along.*

**Epistle Readers**

**Saturday, January 8**  
**4:00p.m. Liturgy**  
**Lector: Adria Ripka**

**Sunday, January 9**  
**9:00a.m. Liturgy**  
**Lector: Fred Bush**

**Bulletins by Mail**

If you or a loved one currently receives a church bulletin mailed weekly, you must contact the rectory to continue this service.

If you would like to have a bulletin mailed weekly to a family member or your self PLEASE contact the rectory, during Tuesday business hours, to sign up.

**Vigil Lights**



**Eternal Light:** In loving memory of +Maria Kohut  
req. Anna & Bob Meeks and Steve Kohut

**Tetrapod:** In loving memory of my husband, +Richard Troch  
req. wife, Jane

**Sacred Heart:** God's Blessings and good health for Judy Gotham  
req. Gotham Family

**Mother of God:** In loving memory of our siter, +Helen  
req. sisters, Patty and Stephanie Woyciesjes

**Please pray for the souls of the deceased members of the parish and those for whom Divine Liturgies will be offered this week. We ask that you also pray for the following parishioners who are ill or homebound:**



Ksenia Busko, Judy Gotham, Felicia Guzelak, Olga Holl, John Hnotko, Michael Hrab, Julie Hulchanski, George Kelley, Andrew Krzywyj, Julia Maliwesky, Jennie Marko, Dorothy Onoff-Graser, Christopher Piotrowski, Fr. Stefan, Gabriella Wicker, Kalina Woloszyn, Marion Wood, Anna Wowk, Nina Wozniak, our military men and women in the USA and Ukraine, all those suffering from the coronavirus and all Clergy and religious. We also pray for all those affected by natural disaster and civil unrest around the world.

*If you know someone on the prayer list that is no longer in need or know of someone who is in need of prayers, please call the rectory office so we can update our list. Thank you.*

**COVID Procedure Update:**

*Per Stamford Guidelines, in accordance to local guidelines.*

**Masks are required for ALL indoor gatherings  
December 13th through January 15th**

Bishop Lucia informed all parishes locally, that New York State has re-instituted the mask mandate for ALL indoor gatherings from December 13 until January 15, due to the surging COVID cases and hospitalizations.

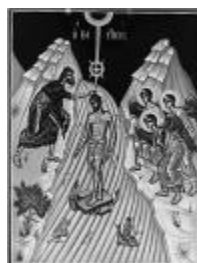
**Envelopes for 2022**

Are available for pick up in the church.



If you do not see your envelopes, call the rectory during office hours on Tuesdays. **If you would like to pick up your envelopes on Tuesday during office hours, please call ahead to let office staff know you are coming in for them.** All parishioners are strongly encouraged to use their envelopes on a regular basis, to ensure accurate records.

**Please make sure you are using your 2022 envelopes.**



During the "Yordan Season" or the days following the Feast of the Theophany we greet one another with the following :

**Christ was baptized! ...  
In the River Jordan!**

**Христос Хрищається! ...  
В Ріці Йордан!**

## Apostleship of Prayer

The Apostleship of Prayer will recite the rosary at 3:30 p.m. before the 4 p.m. Divine Liturgy on Saturday, January 8, 2022.

**Meeting has been rescheduled to February 6, following the 9:00am Divine Liturgy.**

Starting, February 6, the Apostleship of Prayer will begin holding their monthly Divine Liturgy at the Sunday 9 a.m. Recitation of the rosary will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Apostleship of Prayer will begin our 2022 practice of a special monthly rosary by reciting the **World Mission Rosary before at 3:30 p.m. on January 8th.** The rosary can be prayed on regular rosary beads. All are welcome to come and pray,



**Save the Date**  
**St. John the Baptist**  
**80th Annual Ukrainian Festival**  
 will be held  
**July 29th & 30th, 2022**

**So mark your calendar for this very important parish event!**

## BLESSING OF HOMES - *Preparing for the Visit*

The blessing of homes begins in January after the Feast of Holy Theophany. By His Baptism in the river Jordan, Christ sanctified the waters. It is at this time of year that that sanctification is brought to your homes, to you and to your loved ones. I pray that you will keep this tradition of having your homes blessed. Please contact Father Mihai to set up a time and day. May God bless all of you during this New Year with health and salvation!!

### **PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:**

- 1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.
- 2) A table should be prepared with an icon, a candle, holy water (Father will bring holy water with him) and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health.
- 3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.
- 4) Turn off all radios and TV's. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the blessing.
- 5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter... open all doors in the home, otherwise.
- 6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this as well.
- 7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.
- 8) Most important, MASK MUST BE WORN while the priest is in your home. Also note that if anyone in your household is not feeling well, please reschedule your visit.

**Father Mihai looks forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family.**

**Many Years!! Mnohaya Lita**

## **Why Bless Our Homes?**

“Therefore, O King who loves humankind, do You Yourself be present now as then through the descent of Your Holy Spirit, and sanctify this water.”

Through sprinkling, by sealing with the sign of cross and by drinking of the blessed water, the faithful are cleansed and sanctified. The sanctified water is used for the healing of soul and body, and for protection against evil. The Church prays in this Rite of the Blessing of the Waters: “that those who sprinkle and partake thereof may receive it for the cleansing of souls and bodies, for the healing of sickness, for the sanctification of houses, and sufficient for every need.”

The blessed water we receive on Epiphany is like the healing water that flows into our lives from the throne of God, nourishing our thirsty souls that they may bear fruit for God's glory. The holy water that we receive at Epiphany should remind us of Jesus Who is the water of life, Who alone is able to satisfy the deepest thirst of the soul. Jesus said: “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.” Jn.7:37-38

It is Jesus-the Water of life-Who blessed the waters of the earth when He stepped into the Jordan River to be baptized. Thus, by her consecration of the waters, the Church frees water from the dark evil powers that reside in it. Holy water becomes the symbol of nature set free from sin and consecrated by the Holy Spirit to our blessing and the blessing of our homes.

## **Чому Посвячувати Наш Дім?**

«Сам, отже, чоловіколюбче Царю, прийди й нині нашестям Святого Духа, освяти воду оцю.»

Віру нашої Східньої Церкви в силу і благословення йорданської води найкраще відзеркалює зміст молитов та обрядів Великого Водосвяття. У тих молитвах багато разів призиваємо св. Духа, щоб зійшов, очистив і освятив воду і надав їй лікувальну силу на користь душі і тіла. «Щоб освятилися води ці силою, діянням і зшестям св. Духа», щоб вода ця стала даром освячення, ізбавління від гріхів, на зцілення душі і тіла, і на всяку особливу користь», щоб була вона на очищення душ і тілес усім, що з вірою черпають і причащаються нею».

Іван Золотоустий каже: «І діється дивне явище: та вода у своїй істоті не псується від довготи часу, але зачерпнена сьогодні, вона через рік, а часто і два і три роки остає незіпсована і свіжа.»

## **House Blessings**

**If you would like to have your house blessed for the new year, please fill out the following form and drop it into the collection basket, or bring it to the rectory. You can also contact Father Mihai directly to schedule, via text at 315-916-3719 or you can email him at dubovicim@yahoo.com**

**MASK must be worn when Father is at your house. Additionally, if there is anyone in your household not feeling well when Father is scheduled to come, you will need to reschedule.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best time or Day for Blessing:** \_\_\_\_\_

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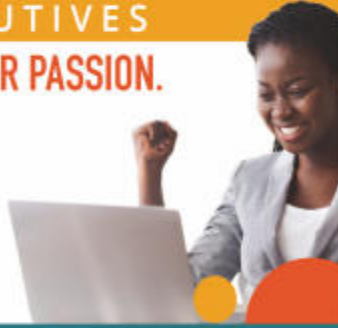
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