
OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 9 to Noon & 1 to 5:00

Христос Родиться! Славим Його!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

We extend a joyous welcome to all our parishioners and guests
who have come to join us to offer praise to God.

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No. 01

Sunday Before Theophany

Tone 8

2 TIMOTHY (4:5-8)

MARK (1:1-8)



CHURCH SERVICES

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGIES:

7:00 am – Mon. – Fri. (CHURCH)

9:00 am – Fri. (Chapel)

SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGIES

7:00 am – bilingual (Church)

6:30 pm – rosary

7:00 pm – bilingual (Church)

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGIES

Rosary said half hour before each liturgy

9:00 am – Ukrainian (livestreamed)

11:00 am – English (livestreamed)

7:00 pm – bilingual

LITURGY LIVESTREAMING:

<https://tinyurl.com/stbasilchannel>

BASILIAN FATHERS SERVING THE PARISH:

Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM

Superior & Pastor

Fr. Thomas Kobak, OSBM

Assistant Pastor

Fr. Mark Zazula, OSBM

Assistant Pastor

BASILIAN AT YUUVILLE HOME:

Fr. Boniface Malowany, OSBM

CONFESSIONS:

Available at a weekend Divine Liturgy
or by appointment during the week

MARRIAGES:

By appointment, at least 6 months in
advance.

BAPTISMS & FUNERALS:

Please contact the parish office to make
arrangements with a priest

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CHURCH SERVICES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

9:00 am <https://www.youtube.com/live/JG4j2m7zA6A?si=7aG45ZCFxaUbNE7a>

11:00 am https://www.youtube.com/live/eS_kwrBN2hg?si=RF1ZTfggVvfNqWc2

Mon. 10:00 am <https://www.youtube.com/live/h5mtjDlkiFA?si=LgvxqBhAhEoAsFel>

Sunday, Jan. 05: Eve of Theophany		OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 am Matins		
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great		
11:00 am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great		
6:00 pm – Great Compline with Lytia		
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy – Blessing of water and Myrovania		
Monday, Jan. 06: Theophany		OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		7:45 am – Matins
10:00 am – Divine Liturgy – Blessing of water and Myrovania		
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy and Myrovania		
Tuesday, Jan. 07:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		7:45 am – Matins
Wednesday, Jan. 08		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		7:45 am – Matins
6:30 pm Fatima Rosary		
Thursday, Jan. 09:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		7:45 am – Matins
Friday, Jan. 10:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		7:45 am – Matins
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
Saturday, Jan. 11:		OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		6:00 pm – Vespers
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy		
Sunday, Jan. 12: After Theophany		OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy		8:00 am Matins
11:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy		

Chapel is open for adoration Mon.–Fri. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

**Please have announcements for the bulletin submitted by
noon on Wednesday.**

Papal Prayer Intention for January – For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Pro-life Prayer Intention for January 5, 2025

Father, we pray that the Manifestation of the glory of Christ will enable our country to recognize the sanctity of each and every human life.

Medjugorje Message, December 25, 2024

“Dear children! Pray, pray, pray that peace may begin to reign in every heart and prevail over every evil and peacelessness.

Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Remembering our Sick:

We ask that you continue to keep in your prayers those who are sick in our parish of St. Basil the Great, especially for:

Nikulus Kokotilo; Julian Warawa; Saul Sych; Joseph Bayduza; Olga Prosky; Peter Syvenky; Elizabeth Nakonechny; Alvina Andruchow; Larry Kuchmak; Ray Holyk; Eleanor Holowaychuk; Edward Chmilar; Marno Sekora; Carol Draganiuk; Adeline Ostry; Rose Sawchyn; Gus Fagnan; Hope Martynuik; Chris Fernandez; Klein-Gebbinck family; Josephine Dawson & family; Kay Sawka; Mykhailo Starynski; Carol Maksymec; Mechelle; Crystal Wynnyk; Olga Farion; Olga Solar, Rose Pesklewis; Marie B.; Joe Kurylo; Fr. Dino Benedet; Rochelle Ponich; Norman Lux; and those confined to their hospital beds or their homes.

If you know someone from the parish who is sick, please let us know, or contact the office so that we can all pray for him/her. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: If you need the names of the sick to be reinstated in the bulletin for February 2025, you will have to either call the office or email us your request.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We invite you to **come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** on a regular basis, to keep your soul pure and in the state of Grace of our Lord Jesus. Our Parish has confessions at every Divine Liturgy, starting 15 minutes before the Liturgy and during Liturgy. Or you can call and ask for an appointment.

STEWARDSHIP

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (I Peter 4:8-10)

Sunday Donation for December 29, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$12,535.00
E-Transfers	\$2,2620.00
Church Reno Donations	\$17,610.00
Aid to Ukraine (Edmonton Eparchy)	\$200.00

Thanks for your giving of time, talent and treasure.

RENOVATION FUNDING APPEAL

The Church Renovation Project is complete. As previously indicated the total cost was approximately \$2,037,000. Significant funding for the project in the amount of \$1,800,000 was provided by a loan from the Order of St. Basil The Great. With the generosity of our Parishioners, we have to date collected approximately \$1,360,000.00 and as of this month we have returned \$1,100,000.00 toward the outstanding loan.

We thank all the Parishioners, organizations and everyone involved with fundraising for their hard work. We ask and encourage you, as your financial situation permits to consider further donations to help repay the loan and to continue to do so for the future upkeep of the Church.

Blessings upon all of you.

Просимо з нами святкувати
You are invited to
UMSA's Annual
Ukrainian Christmas Carol Concert
January 12, 2025 at 3:00 pm.
Концерт Коляд - 12 січня 2025р.
Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
10951 107 St NW
Fundraiser for Ukraine
Admission by donation to «Orphanage Project in Ukraine» care of Western Eparchy
Tax receipts issued Reception after the concert
Hosted by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada,
Western Eparchy

For more information, message the
Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta
on Facebook.

ІКА

Good to Know!

In Canada, when you donate to a church or any other charitable organization, the Federal Government gives you a break on your income taxes. When you donate using the Convenience Envelopes, please include your name and address so we can give you a tax receipt at the beginning of the next year which will help you in paying less taxes. The parish benefits by having proper documentation. Please keep this in mind the next time you donate to the church. God bless you!



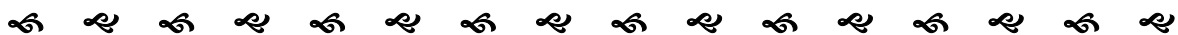
Корисно знати!

У Канаді, коли хтось робить пожертву на церкву, чи на будь-яку іншу благодійну організацію, то Федеральний Уряд дає цій людині знижку на її податок. Коли ви робите пожертву вживаючи конверти, що є розміщені при вході до церкви, будь ласка, вкажіть своє ім'я, прізвище, та адресу, щоб наш парафіяльний офіс зміг вам надати податкову квитанцію на початку наступного року, а цей документ у свою чергу, допоможе вам знизити ваші податки на державу. Тоді у нас в офісі всі прибутки будуть добре задокументовані. Отож, коли наступного разу будите робити пожертву на церкву, будь-ласка майте це собі на увазі. Нехай вас Бог благословить.



FOOD BANK:

Please remember our unfortunate brothers and sisters who have no shelter or food. We request that you please contribute non-perishable food items when you come for Divine Liturgy.
THANK YOU!



THE CULTURAL CENTRE UPCOMING WORKBEES:

Wed. Jan. 08 – Potato Peelers at 9:00 am

Thu. Jan. 09 – Perogies

Wed. Jan. 15 – Cabbage Rolls

For further information please call Nettie Kowal @ 780-466-7213

First Solemn Holy Communion Dates 2025

These are the dates we came up with

Feb. 09 – Lesson 1 – (God, our Father: creation, Trinity, Sign of the Cross, Our Father)

Feb. 23 – Lesson 2 – (Obeying God: Adam & Eve, Noah, Act of contrition angels)

Mar. 16 – Lesson 3 – (Listening to God: Abraham)

Mar. 30 – Lesson 4 – (The Mysteries)

Apr. 13 – Lesson 5 – (Baptism and Chrismation, Hail Mary)

Apr. 27 – Lesson 6 – (Reconciliation, Confession)

May 11 – Lesson 7 – (Moses, Ten Commandments) – (Mother's Day)

May 25 – Lesson 8 – (Holy Eucharist, Iconostas, other things we see in church)

Jun. 01 – Lesson 9 – (The Liturgy: Proskomedie, Preparation of the Gifts and Liturgy of the Catechumens)

Jun. 15 – Lesson 10 – (Divine Liturgy continued – Liturgy of the Faithful, Creed, receiving communion, practise) (Fathers' Day)

Jun. 21 – First Confession and practise for Sunday

Jun. 22 – First Solemn Communion

№ уроку, дата і тема заняття

- 1) 9 лютого – Бог, наш Отець: створення, Трійця, Знамення Хреста, молитва "Отче наш"
- 2) 23 лютого – Слухатися Бога: Адам і Єва, Ной, Акт розкаяння ангелів
- 3) 16 березня – Слухати Бога: Авраам
- 4) 30 березня – Таємниці
- 5) 13 квітня – Хрещення та Миропомазання: Радуйся, Маріє
- 6) 27 квітня – Примирення, Сповідь
- 7) 11 травня (День Матері) – Мойсей, Десять заповідей
- 8) 25 травня – Пресвята Євхаристія, Іконостас, інші речі, які ми бачимо в церкві
- 9) 1 червня – Літургія: Проскомидія, Приготування Дарів і Літургія Оглашених
- 10) 15 червня (День Батька) – Продовження Божественної Літургії: Літургія вірних, Символ Віри, причастя, практика
- 11) 21 червня – Перша Сповідь і практика в неділю
- 12) 22 червня – Перше Причастя

St. Basil's Ukrainian Newcomers Committee

The St. Basil's Aid for Ukrainian Newcomer Committee is kindly asking for donations to help support Ukrainians who continue to arrive in Edmonton due to the war on their beloved homeland. Over the past two and a half years, St. Basil's Church has been leading the way and has helped over one thousand newcomers with English classes, winter clothing and backpacks for children, hygiene kits, medical reimbursements and many other projects. Your donations are crucial if we are to carry on with our work.

You may make your cheque payable to St. Basil's Parish using the church convenience envelopes provided in the church. You may also e-transfer your donation to the parish.

Please indicate **"Newcomers Committee"** on your envelope and on your e-transfer. Tax receipts will be issued for 2024 and mailed in the beginning of 2025.

Thank you in advance for your kindness. God loves a cheerful giver!

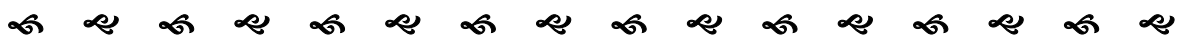
Комітет «Допомога новоприбулим українцям» у Св. Василя

Комітет «Допомога новоприбулим українцям» щиро просить пожертви на допомогу підтримати українців, які продовжують прибувати до Едмонтону через війну на їхній улюбленій батьківщині. Протягом останніх двох з половиною років парафія Св.

Василія веде шлях і вже допоміг понад тисячі новоприбулих з курсами англійської мови, зимовим одягом та рюкзаками для дітей, гігієнічні набори, медичні компенсації та багато інших проектів.

Ваша пожертва визначить, чи зможемо ми продовжувати нашу роботу. Ви можете виписати свій чек на " St. Basil's Parish", використовуючи зручні конверти, надані в церкві. Ви також можете парафії надіслати свою пожертву електронною поштою за допомогою "e-transfer". Будь ласка, вкажіть « Newcomers Committee » на вашому конверті або в електронному переказі. Податкові квитанції будуть видані за 2024 рік і надіслані поштою на початку 2025 року.

Наперед сердечно дякуємо вам за вашу доброту. Бог любить того, хто радо дає!



Registration for St. Basil's Kid's Club

We are pleased to begin registration for our Ukrainian Kid's Club which is intended for newcomer and parishioner children alike to get together in a welcoming environment to socialize, build community, and have fun while learning Ukrainian in a faith-based program.

When: Saturdays, January 25 – April 12 (excluding long weekend)

Time: 9:30 – 11:30

Ages: 4 – 12

Place: St. Basil's Cultural Center, 2nd floor

Cost: Free

Registration: To register email sosnowskikathy3803@gmail.com

Реєстрація до Дитячого клубу Святого Василя Великого

Ми раді розпочати реєстрацію до нашого Українського дитячого клубу, який призначений як для новоприбулих дітей, так і для дітей парафіян, щоб збиратися разом

у гостинній атмосфері для спілкування, розбудови спільноти та розваг, вивчаючи українську мову за релігійною програмою.

Коли: суботи, 25 січня – 12 квітня (за винятком довгих вихідних)

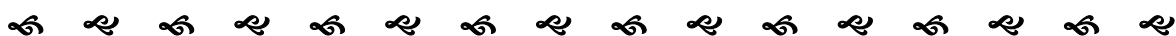
Час: 9:30 – 11:30

Вік: 4 – 12

Місце проведення: Культурний центр Святого Василя Великого, 2 поверх

Вартість: Безкоштовно

Реєстрація: Для реєстрації напишіть на електронну пошту sosnowskikathy3803@gmail.com

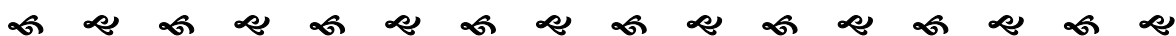


Your 2025 Church Contribution Envelopes & Calendars

Your 2025 Church Donation Envelopes & Calendars are ready for pick up for a few weeks at the back entrance of the church. You are also welcome to pick up your envelopes and calendar at the Rectory Office during regular office hours. Please call the office at 780-434-8010 to arrange a time for pick up.

Also, please pick up your donation envelopes, even if you are on pre-authorized contributions (POP) or EFTs, since the special collection envelopes are included in your package.

Thanks to Park Memorial Funeral Home, for sponsoring these beautiful calendars.



Getting Married in 2025?



If you are planning to be married in 2025 now is the time to contact Fr. Gabriel. We require at least 6 months of advance notice in order to arrange for a marriage preparation course. Please call the parish office to arrange an appointment with Fr. Gabriel – 780-434-8010.

The Consecration of the Universe

The feast of the Theophany or the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ is dedicated to the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water. Theophany (Jordanian) water is considered as the one of the greatest sacramentals. The miraculous properties of agiasma (from Greek – holy water), which doesn't spoil for a long time, have been mentioned in liturgical books since time of its existence.

Cosmic Liturgy

Entering of God into its created world, which at all times tries to live according to its laws, posed a problem for the philosophical mind – how to compare the purity and incorporeality of God with the filth and coarseness of matter. The relationship of the infinity to the finite. There were even those who claimed that Christ did not have a real body, but only an illusory one.

However, the events of the Baptism of the Lord, as they are set forth in the canon of the four Gospels, as well as their use in liturgical texts, indicate that the problem is solved in a different direction: God therefore comes into the world, which happens to lie in the trap of the evil hands: "We know that we belong to God, and the whole world is under the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19), in order to cleanse it from evil, or in other words, to sanctify it. Moreover, by "the world" is meant not only people walking in darkness and the shadow of death "You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils" (Isaiah 9:2). But, it would seem, dead matter, which in reality also lives its own life and also seems to need purification and sanctification.

We hear about this at the very beginning of the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water, in the stichera, which are sung repeatedly while the priesthood and the people, according to the prescription of the statute, go to the sacred font (i.e. the vessel in which the water will be blessed) or to open water sources: "Today the nature of water is sanctified..." – it is said in the second stichera, and in the fourth stichera a prayerful exclamation is put into the mouth of the Forerunner: "How can a servant touch his Master? Rather, O Savior, bless the waters and me, for You take away the sin of the world".

The event that took place on the Jordan: the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove is perceived by us not only as a testimony to the Trinity of God and the Sonship of the Savior, but also as the sanctification of the water of this river by the entire Holy Trinity for the Sacrament of Christian Baptism. And this, in turn, serves as the basis for the sanctification (or blessing) of any other water, similar to the waters of the Jordan. Accordingly, in the peaceful litany in the Rite of the Blessing of Water, the petitions are heard: "That these waters may be sanctified by the power, operation, and descent of the Holy Spirit... That there may descend upon these waters the purifying action of the most substantial Trinity... That this water may be endowed with the grace of redemption, the blessing of the Jordan, through the power and action and descent of the Holy Spirit...".

Until now, nature has not acted as an active person. However, in the main prayer of the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water, which dates back to the 5th century and is built by analogy with the prayer of the Eucharist, an amazing picture of the universe is revealed. Where nature itself independently carries out its service to the Creator: “The immaterial powers tremble before You, the sun praises You, and the moon is your worshipper; the stars are your servants, and the light bows to Your will: the tempests treble, and the springs adore You... as You make yourself known, all creation sings Your praises for You appeared on earth, O God, and walked among men...”.

Analogically to the last exclamation of the Eucharistic canon: “And grant that with one voice and one heart we may glorify and sing the praises of Your most honored and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and for ever and ever...” the end of the prayer of the Blessing of Water [sounds], in which the whole world, which is saved by God, joins in this praise: “And save, O Lord, our God-protected people, keep them in peace under Your protection; bestow upon them whatever they ask unto salvation and eternal life. So, by the elements, by the angels and by men, by things visible and invisible, may Your most holy name be glorified, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always, and for ever and ever”.

“The Source of Incorruption”

However, since human beings are still the crown of God’s creation, then the water which is blessed and sanctified for no other reason than to serve the sanctification of the human being and the entire environment in which human beings live. From the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water, we learn that holy water is a source of incorruption, a gift of sanctification, deliverance from sinful passions, healing of ailments, and from the destruction of demons that prey to destroy us. It promotes the healing of the soul and body, brings eternal life, drives away all the slander of visible and invisible enemies, being impregnable to opposing evil forces and is filled with the power of Angels. Water is used not only for communion (for drinking), but also for anointing for the purpose of healing from passions (various kinds of suffering), but also for the sanctification of homes, the world, and all of creation.

In fact, if simple water, according to the Bible, is the primary matter from which God derives other elements, if simple water is necessary for the life of all organisms and fills everything with itself – down to the smallest cell of our body, it doesn’t matter what happens to us; if simple water has the properties to cleanse, then how much more holiness and grace does the holy water have in itself, which the Holy Spirit Himself overshadows with His intercession?

“Spiritual drinking”

In the Old Testament water was given special importance. The prayer of water consecration contains the most vivid examples of water's participation in salvation: “For You are our God, Who, with water and the Spirit, restored the youthfulness of our nature made old by sin, Who drowned sin in the waters of the time Noah” (please see and compare book of Genesis chapters 6–8). “You are our God, Who, in the sea, and at the hands of Moses, delivered the Hebrew from the bondage of Pharaoh” (please see and compare the book Exodus chapter 14). “You are our God, Who cleaved the rock in the wilderness, so that the waters gushed out, and the valley overflowed, and the people were satisfied” (please see and compare the book Exodus chapter 17). “You are our God, with fire and water and at the hands of Elias, delivered Israel from the errors of Baal”.

In the three Old Testament readings, which are read during the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water (Isaiah chapters 35,55,12), the theme of water, which quenches thirst and waters the parched land, is each time connected with the coming of the kingdom of the Messiah, with the discovery of God, with the moral perfection of the human being and the turning away from wickedness.

The acceptance of Christ, who brings with His person the light of the true vision of God, is spoken of already in the very first stichera of the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water: “The voice of the Lord resounds over the waters, saying: Come and receive the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of the fear of God from this revelation of Christ”.

In the same manner, the apostolic readings of the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water ends, in which the aforementioned event takes its origin from Christ and spiritually is connected to Christ: “...All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ” (I Corinthians 10:1–4).

The litany “Ektenia” also speaks of the spiritual power that holy water carries: “That Satan may speedily be crushed under our feet, and that every evil council directed against us fail... That we be perfectly sanctified by partaking of these waters, through the invisible manifestation of the Holy Spirit...”.

The great mystery of Divine Communion, which is granted, among other things, through God-sanctified matter, is sung at the final stanza of the Liturgy of the Great Consecration of Water: “O faithful, let us therefore draw water with joy, for those who draw it in faith shall be invisibly endowed with the grace of the Spirit, through the presence of Christ God, the Saviour of our souls”.

–Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM



Dear Parishioners



We invite you to light the sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a particular intention.

The lamp can be sponsored for a minimum donation of \$20 (call the parish office). The sponsor for the week will be published in our parish bulletin.



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Basil's Parish is lit
For the private intentions of the giver.



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