



JANUARY, 2019						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>06</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm  Theophany	<b>07</b> Brandon: 10 am + Paul Huska 40-Day Service Offering: Men's Club	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b> Brandon: 9 am Health of Henry Tkachuk Offering: Fr. Michael & Dolores  Brandon: 7 pm K of C Mass & Meeting  Bless Homes	<b>10</b> Brandon: 9 am Intention of John & Dymna Cortens Offering: Issigonis & Dolores  Brandon: 1 pm UCWLC Rosary & Meeting  Bless Homes	<b>11</b>  Brandon: 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service  Bless Homes  Venerable Theodosius	<b>12</b> Brandon: 5 pm + Daren Tripp Offering: Barbara MacKalski
<b>13</b> Brandon: 10 am Carol-Fest to Follow Portage: 1 pm  Sunday After Theophany	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Brandon: 9 am	<b>17</b> Brandon: 9 am  Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting  Venerable Anthony the Great	<b>18</b>  Brandon: 9 am	<b>19</b> Brandon: 5 pm Health of John Nazar Offering: Nazar Family

*Let Us Venerate Today the Baptism of Christ ... Wash Yourselves and Be Clean*

I cannot restrain my joy; my heart is deeply moved and filled with delight. Forgetting my weakness, I long to undertake the mission of the great John the Baptist; though I am not the Forerunner, I have indeed come from the desert!

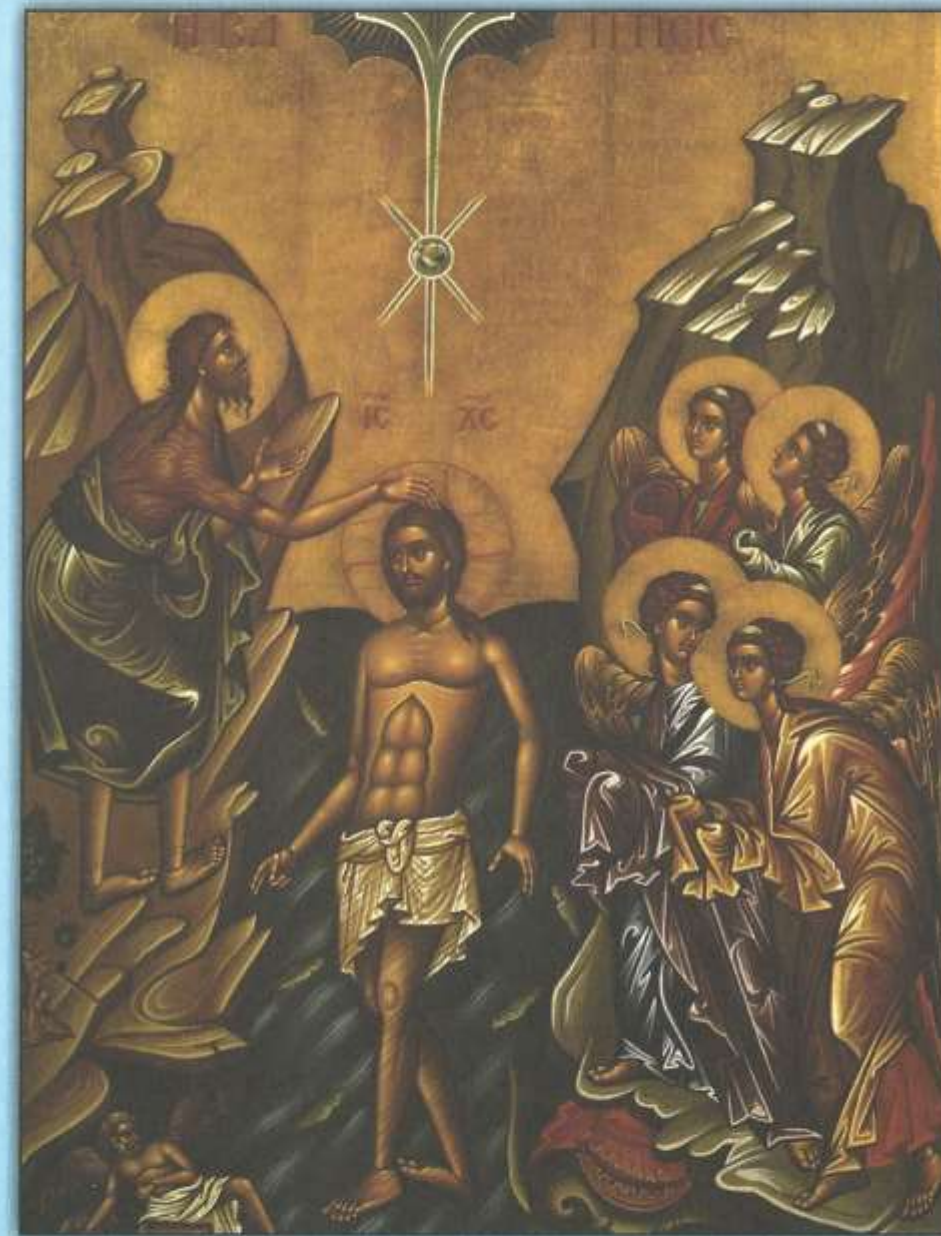
Christ receives the sacrament of enlightenment, or rather He enlightens us with His brilliance. He is baptized; let us go down into the water with Him so that we may also come up with Him. John is baptizing, and Jesus comes to him. Christ certainly sanctifies the man who now baptizes Him, but His purpose is chiefly to bury the old Adam in the waters and, above all, to sanctify the waters of the Jordan by His baptism in them so that just as He was spirit and flesh, those who would later be baptized might be sanctified by the power of the Spirit and by water.

John refuses; Jesus insists. "It is you that should be baptizing me!" says John. The torch addresses the Sun, the voice speaks to the Word. Jesus comes out of the water, drawing the world with Him, as it were, and raising it up when it had hitherto been sunk in the abyss. He sees the heavens not being rent, but opening of their own accord.

The first Adam had of old closed heaven to himself and us, just as he had seen the earthly paradise being closed to him, with a fiery sword barring access. The Holy Spirit bears witness. Here all is in perfect harmony, for the testimony comes from heaven, just as He to whom the Spirit bears witness has come from heaven.

*St. Gregory the Theologian*

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD,  
 GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



*Icon of Theophany -- January 6th*

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**ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS**

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

**EMERGENCY**

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056  
Cell: (204) 729-7819

**DIVINE LITURGIES**

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM  
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM  
Sunday (Bilingual) - 10:00 AM

DATE	READER	USHERS	SACRISTAN	GREETER
Sun Jan 06	P. Zalisky	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	I. Dyakiv	O. Stevenson
Sun Jan 13	O. Stevenson	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	L. Makwaychuk	J. Solomon
Sun Jan 20	P. Todoruk	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	N. Zemliak	B. Kachur
Sun Jan 27	T. Yuriy	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	I. Dyakiv	F. Yuriy

**COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

Saturday, Dec 29	\$ 180.00
Sunday, Dec 30	\$ 656.00
Total	\$ 836.00
Candles	\$ 25.00
Tuesday, Jan 01	\$ 310.00

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT - NOVEMBER, 2018**

Total Credits:	\$ 5,124.10
Total Debits:	\$ 5,384.44

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019**

**UCWLC MEETING**

The UCWLC rosary will be recited at 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, with meeting to follow at the Ukrainian Hall.

**CAROL-FEST**

Our annual Carol-Fest will be held on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM immediately following Divine Liturgy. Brunch will be served in the Ukrainian Reading Hall, followed by caroling. See insert for further details. Please join us in this annual tradition.

**MEMBERSHIP ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your box of membership envelopes for 2019. The boxes are in the foyer with your membership number and name.

**DROP-IN CENTRE**

The drop-in centre will resume on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Everybody welcome. See you all there.

**2019 METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP LAWRENCE HUCULAK OSBM NEW YEAR LEEVE GALA**

The levee will be held on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church. With the support of His Grace, a change in the format of the annual Levee is being undertaken to become a fundraiser to support the operation and programming for the mission of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manitoba through the Archeparchy of Winnipeg. If anyone wishes to make a generous donation of cash or auction items, it would be appreciated. Further information is available on the bulletin board.

**CONDOLENCES**

Condolences are extended to the family of the late Frank Lushaw who entered into the presence of the Lord in Winnipeg. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1:00 PM on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our prayers are extended to his family at this time of loss. Vichnaya Pam'yat - Eternal Memory.

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**HOUSE BLESSING**

It is a wonderful Byzantine Catholic Christian practice to invite the priest to bless your apartment or home. This can be after Theophany. The priest will conduct a brief prayer service after which he will bless each person in your family and each room of your house with Holy Water. We read in Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me." This is a beautiful picture of what Christ wants to do He wants us to open the door to let Him come in to bless us. This is what we do when we invite the priest to bless us and our home: we open the door to let Jesus come in. In addition to the blessing received, such a home visit by the priest will afford your children an excellent opportunity to get to know the parish priest as a dear and personal friend in Christ. It will also teach them that Catholic Christians seek God's blessing before every important venture in life. I shall never forget the testimony of a friend, "When I was a very small child, a pastor visited in our home. His presence was so impressive that today, 45 years later, I can still describe where he sat. I do not remember the words he spoke, but I remember his presence. Our family must have been very important for him to visit us. At least, I felt very important."

**The Fathers Speak**

*Thirst after Jesus, and He will satisfy you with His love.*  
- St. Isaac the Syrian

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**HUMOR**

A man woke up deeply repentant after a bitter fight with his wife the previous night. He noticed with dismay the crate of beer bottles that had caused the fight. He took it outside and started smashing the empty bottles, one by one. He smashed the first bottle, swearing "you are the reason I fight with my wife". He smashed the second bottle, "you are the reason I don't love my children", and the third "you are the reason I don't have a decent job". When he took the fourth bottle, he realized it was still sealed and full. He hesitated for only a moment and said, "you stand aside. I know you were not involved." ☺