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Nativity/Theophany 2022

Saturday, January 1st - Great Vespers will be served at 5 PM.

Sunday, the 2nd — **Sunday before the Nativity.** Tone 3. Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer. *Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Mt. 1:1-25.* The Liturgy will be served at 9:30 AM.

Thursday, the 6th - **Eve of the Nativity.** Royal Hours of the Nativity will be served at 10 AM.

Great Compline with Litia will be served at 9:00 PM.

Please remember that the eve of the Nativity (January 6th) and the eve of the Theophany (January 18th) are days of strict fasting. We refrain from consuming meat or milk products, from games, loud music, dancing, and unnecessary conversation, and we do our best to attend the holy services in Church on these days.

Friday, the 7th — **The Nativity of our Lord, God, and Saviour, Jesus Christ.** *Gal. 4:4-7; Mt. 2: 1-12.* The Liturgy will be served at 9:30 AM.

From the Nativity of Christ till the leavetaking of the feast (January 13th) we greet each other with the words “Christ is Born” (Khrystos Rozhdayet’sia), to which we reply “Glorify Him” (Slavite Yoho)! The period between the Nativity (January 7th) and the eve of the Theophany (January 18th), i.e. is fast-free, there is no fasting and all foods are permitted.

Saturday, the 8th - **Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos.** *Heb. 2: 11-18; Mt. 2:13-23.* The Liturgy will be served *in English* at 9:30 AM.

Great Vespers will be served at 5 PM.

Sunday, the 9th - **Sunday after the Nativity.** Tone 4. Holy Ancestors-of-God Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother-of-the-Lord, Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen. *Gal. 1:11-19, Acts 6: 8-15, 7:1-5, 47-60; Mt. 2:13-23, Mt. 21: 33-42.* The Liturgy will be served at 9:30 AM. We extend prayerful best wishes to all parishioners named Joseph, James, or David, as well as those named Stephen or Stephanie on the occasion of their name day. May the Lord bless you abundantly: Many years! Mnohaya Lita!

Friday, the 14th – **Circumcision of our Lord, Feast of St. Basil the Great.** *Col. 2:8-12, Heb. 7:26 – 8:2; Lk. 2:20-21,40-52, Lk. 6:17-23.* The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great will be served at 9:30 AM. We extend prayerful best wishes to all parishioners named Vasyl’/ William on the occasion of their name day. Many Years!

Saturday, the 15th - Great Vespers will be served at 5 PM.

Sunday, the 16th - **Sunday before the Theophany.** Tone 5. St. Genevieve of Paris. *2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mk. 1: 1-8.* The Liturgy will be served at 9:30 AM.

Tuesday, the 18th – Eve of the Theophany.

1 Cor. 9:19-27; Lk. 3:1-18. Ven. Mothers Syncretika and Apollinaria. The Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with the Great Blessing of Waters will be celebrated at 5 PM.

Wednesday, the 19th—Theophany of our Lord (Feast of Jordan). *Titus 2:11-14, 3: 4-7; Mt.*

3:13-17. The Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Waters will be celebrated at 9:30 AM.

Holy Water will be available in bottles following both water-blessing services, as well as in Church before and after all upcoming services.

Saturday, the 22nd - Great Vespers will be served at 5 PM this evening.

Sunday, the 23rd - Sunday after the

Theophany. Tone 6. *Eph. 4: 7-13, Mt. 4: 12-17.* St. Gregory of Nyssa. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30 AM.

Saturday, the 29th - Great Vespers will be served at 5 PM this evening.

Sunday, the 30th - 32nd Sunday after

Pentecost. Tone 7. *1 Tim. 1: 15-17; Lk. 18: 35-43.* St. Anthony the Great. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30 AM.

Attendance at Services. Our services are open for limited participation by the faithful in accordance with local health guidelines. If you wish to attend any services you must register in advance either by e-mail (priest@stjohnshawa.org) or phone (905) 433-5577. Attendees must adhere to the Covid guidelines currently in effect. We thank you for your kind cooperation.

Live-streaming of services. Our Liturgical services are live streamed over the internet on Saturday and Sunday. Great Vespers is served at 5 PM every Saturday, and the Divine Liturgy is served every Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. Please visit our parish YouTube channel to watch our live-streamed or previously recorded services at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/stjohnshawa>

Holy Mysteries. For questions regarding Holy Mysteries such as Confession, Communion, Baptism, etc. please contact Fr. Bohdan directly. May the Lord save you!

Theophany House-blessings. Due to the pandemic Fr. Bohdan is not planning to visit houses with the Jordan Blessing, but if you would like your house blessed and it will be possible to abide by the Covid guidelines in effect at the time please feel free to contact him to make an appointment to have your house or apartment blessed between the 19th of January and the 14th of February.

Pastoral Visitations. Fr. Bohdan will gladly visit or bring Holy Communion to any of our elderly or infirm parishioners in their home, nursing home, or in the hospital, adhering to the Covid protocols which are in place at the time. Should you or someone you know wish Father to visit please contact him to arrange for a convenient day and time.

Parish Bulletin. In order to better communicate with our parishioners and friends we circulate our parish bulletin by email. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive our e-bulletin, please forward your or their e-mail address to Fr. Bohdan, priest@stjohnshawa.org. Thank you!

Our Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6th. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and participate. This year besides reports, election of a new parish council, etc., we must also elect delegates to the Church Sobor (General Council) which will be held in June. Any parishioners wishing to serve on the parish council or as delegates to the Sobor are asked to contact either Dr. Slavchenko or Fr. Bohdan by January 31st at the latest. Thank you!

Hall Rentals: Thanks be to God, our new hall is open. Inquiries regarding hall rentals should be directed to our hall manager, Rita Sidorkiewicz, at 905-433-1515 or msidorn203@rogers.com. Please note that special, discounted rates are offered for our parishioners.

Hall Donations. Now that our hall is completed we wish to prepare a plaque of gratitude acknowledging all our donors and benefactors. If you wish your name to be included on this plaque but have not yet made a donation, or if you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, please do so no later than January 31st for inclusion. Thank you!