

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
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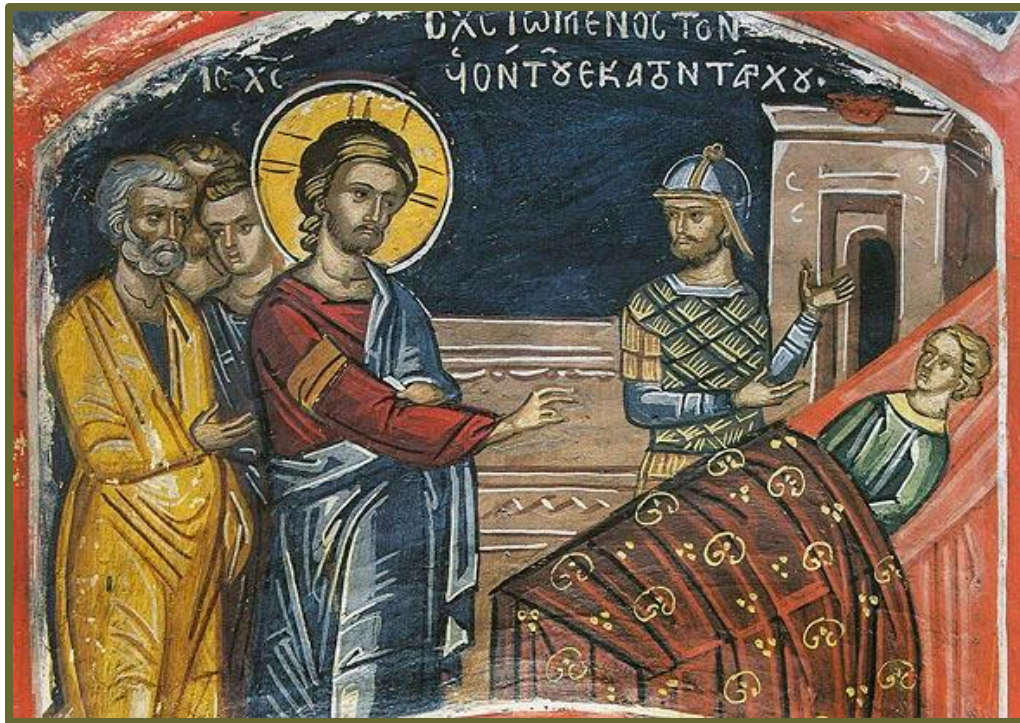
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. June 20 17:00 Vigil: **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for living and deceased fathers
- Sun. June 21 10:30 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages *pro populo*, esp. for living and deceased fathers
- Wed. June 24 10:00 **NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**
- Sat. June 27 17:00 Vigil: **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for **+John Dusecina** – Fr. Regis Dusecina
- Sun. June 28 10:30 **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages
pro populo; esp. for **+Krynicky Brothers: Anthony Nicolas,
Joseph, Felix, John** – Gregory Krynicky.
40th Day Suffrages for **+David Rusinko**.



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COLLECTION
ATTENDANCE:


Adult: \$1115
Holy Day: \$50
Sat. 13

Candles: \$66
TOTAL: \$1421
Sun. 26 +31

Peter's Pence: \$190
Cemetery: \$600



AMBON PRAYER FOR THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

 Forerunner, Prophet and Baptist, while still in your mother's womb you recognized the Master and leapt in worship. You were born from a womb that had been barren and from infancy yearned for the height of virtue and to live in the pathless desert. You became the herald of repentance, the baptizer of our Lord, and, by grace, a witness of the Holy Trinity. Rightly did the Lord call you greater than anyone born of woman. O Christ our God, You were baptized by him and enlightened the whole world, send us now Your heavenly assistance and have mercy on all of us. For to You is due all glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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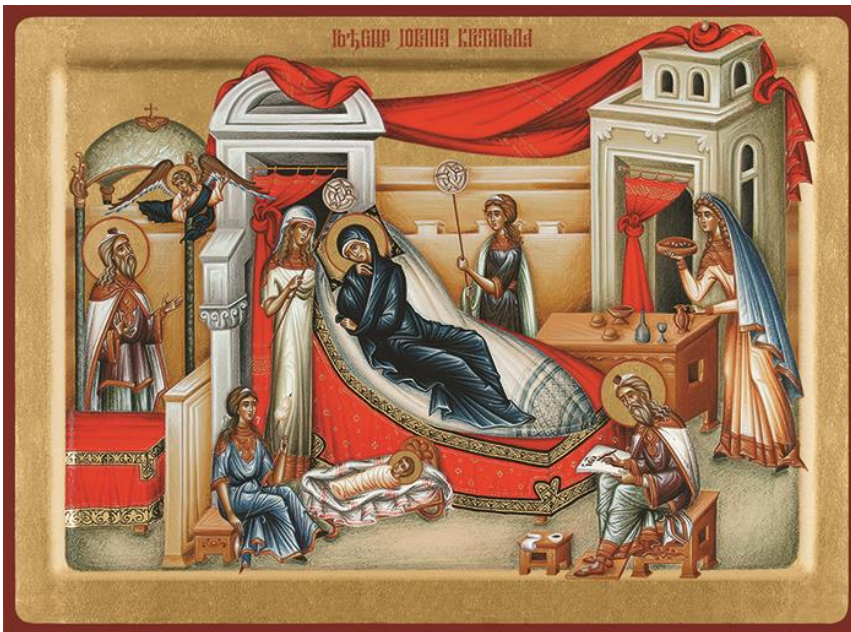
*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I consecrated you.  
I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.*

*I am putting my words into your mouth: I am setting you over nations  
and kingdoms. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.*

«To keep His promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Savior, Whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, 'I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo His sandals.'» **Acts 13:23-25**



**John the Baptist has three feasts to himself.** The first, his conception, is in September at the start of the liturgical year; the one in June celebrates his birth; the one in August celebrates



his death. And this is as it should be, for as Christ Himself said: John was the greatest of the sons of men. The greatest, but also the most tragic. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And he did it; with unequalled courage he spread the news that he, the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven. His disciples, and the devil, would have preferred him to fight, to build his sect, to defeat

this upstart whom he himself had baptized, to seize his place in history. But he did not – and so, rightly, he has his place, and he has glory in heaven.

The great forerunner of the morn,  
The herald of the Word, is born;  
And faithful hearts shall never fail  
With thanks and praise his light to hail.

With heavenly message Gabriel came,  
That John should be that herald's name,  
And with prophetic utterance told  
His actions great and manifold.

John, still unborn, yet gave aright  
His witness to the coming Light;

And Christ, the sun of all the earth,  
Fulfilled that witness at His birth.

Of woman-born shall never be  
A greater prophet than was he,  
Whose mighty deeds exalt his fame  
To greater that a prophet's name.

All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
For ever and for evermore.

*The Venerable Bede*



### MIDSUMMER'S CHRISTMAS DAY

«*Among those born of women, there has been none greater than John the Baptist*» are words spoken by Jesus of His Precursor; and Gabriel, when announcing both of them, declared the same thing of each – *that he shall be great*. But the greatness of Jesus is that he shall be called the Son of the Most High, and the greatness of John is that he shall go before Him.... Jesus, Who comes from above, is above all; it is He and He alone Whom all mankind is expecting. John, who is of earth, on the contrary has nothing but what he has received; but what he has received is to be the friend of the Bridegroom....

Jesus alone is light, the light without which earth would remain dead; and John is but the man sent from God, without whom the light would have remained unknown. But Jesus being inseparable from John, even as day is from dawn, it is by no means astonishing that earth's gladness at John's birth should partake of something of that [gladness] of the coming of our Redeemer. The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is celebrated with so much pomp because it seems to enfold within itself the Nativity of Christ, our Redeemer. It is, as it were, midsummer's Christmas Day....

«*Precursor at his birth, Precursor at his death, Saint John still continues,*» says Saint Ambrose, «*to go before the Lord.*» More perhaps than we are aware of, his mysterious action may be telling on our present life. When we begin to believe in Christ, virtue comes forth, as it were, from Saint John, drawing us after him: he inclines the steps of the soul toward faith; he rectifies the crooked ways of life, making straight the road of our earthly pilgrimage lest we stray into the rugged wilds of error; he contrives that all our valleys be filled with the fruits of virtue, and that every elevation be brought low before the Lord.

Prosper Guéranger, OSB (+1875) was a Benedictine monk and the first abbot of Solesmes Monastery, which was instrumental in revitalizing Benedictine monastic life in France after the French Revolution.

