



Rosburn
Ukrainian Catholic
Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of
Rosburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Olha, Birtle, Lakedale,
Angusville, Ruthenia, Dolyny and Seech Lake*

January 2021 Parish Bulletin

Christ is Born! Христос Раждається!

Fr. Jay and I dreamed of this day while he was studying in seminary - our first Christmas as a clergy family. We knew that it would be different. We knew that we would welcome Christ's birth like never before. We also knew that our new ministry would keep us close to home, limiting our ability to share the holidays with extended family. We knew that some sacrifices would be required of our immediate family to serve the larger community. We didn't expect that all of you would be sharing a similar experience!

Our kids have been watching a lot of Christmas shows and the punchline is always that Christmas is about being with family and loved ones. I admit I had a couple rough days wishing that was the case this year. Fortunately, children's TV is missing something. Christmas isn't just about human love. It's about God's love. That love does radical things in order to connect with us. That love looks like a Messiah in a manger. That love is unprecedented.

In the past months we have settled into and fallen in love with our new home. We can't wait for more opportunities to get to see you in the pews, over coffee, or where ever! In the meantime, know that we are celebrating the Nativity with each one of you! We are not alone. God is with us!

Fr. Jay, Sophia, Benjamin & Gabriella

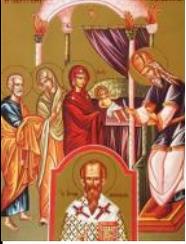
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January Feasts Days

In January, we have a number of special feast days that we celebrate in our Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church. One of them is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Church: the Baptism of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ (aka: Theophany!!). The others are important feasts where the faithful are encouraged to attend liturgical celebrations on that day. Read more below to learn about each of these feasts.

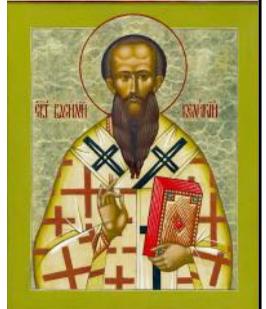


Circumcision of our Lord (Jan. 1)

On January 1st, we celebrate the Circumcision of Our Lord. Why would we celebrate something that is not part of our Christian faith? Well, because Jesus was in fact Jewish Himself, we celebrate this because it not only was part of His life, but it also demonstrates that He is in fact fully human for He too went through the rituals of the Old Law. We celebrate this day 8 days after Christ's birth, the same as when a typical circumcision would be held.

St. Basil the Great (Jan. 1)

St. Basil the Great is one of the three Holy Hierarchs which we will celebrate later on in the month. But on January 1st, we celebrate St. Basil alone as this is the day attributed to his death. St. Basil lived in the 4th century and played a big part in the creation of the Nicene Creed. We also pray the liturgy attributed to him on this day, along with the Sundays of Lent and other special days. The Anaphora prayers at the consecration and the special hymn to the Mother of God are what is different in his liturgy.



Baptism of Our Lord/Theophany (Jan. 6)

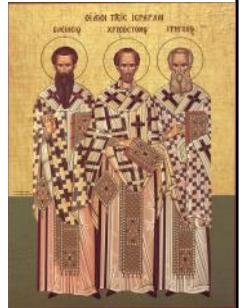
Christ's baptism by John the Forerunner in the River Jordan marks the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry. The Feast of Theophany is the culmination of the Christmas Season. The Great Blessing of Water is performed on this day, and the holy water is used by the priest to bless the homes of the faithful.

The feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ the Holy Trinity appeared clearly to mankind for the first time—the Father's voice is heard from Heaven, the Son of God is incarnate and standing physically in the Jordan, and the Holy Spirit descends on Him in the form of a dove.

Three Holy Hierarchs (Jan. 30)

Our fathers among the saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom are known as the Three Holy Hierarchs for their leadership of the Church. Their shared feast day is celebrated on January 30.

During the eleventh century, disputes raged in Constantinople about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. By the will of God, the three hierarchs appeared to St. John Mauropous, Bishop of Euchaita, in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God: "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another." January 30 was chosen for their Feast, thus peacefully ending the controversy.



We Have a New Website!

We'd like to introduce our new website for the Rossburn Pastoral District. With the addition of this new website, it provides yet another way of communicating with our parishioners in this vast pastoral district. On it, you will be able to learn a little bit about the history of each parish (coming soon). You'll also be able to access liturgical texts that will help you when praying at home online. You can view our livestreamed services here and most importantly, you'll be able to access the bulletin and calendar here at any time! Our hope is that through this, we will be able to connect with more parishioners and allow them to access important information with the click of a button.



The Chosen

Over the last few months, Fr. Jay has been periodically referenced a show that he has been watching called, The Chosen. It is the first ever TV series on the life of Jesus Christ. It gives much more of a focus on the humanity of Christ, rather than the sometimes over done divinity portrayal in other films and mini-series of the past. For those who are looking where to find it and watch it, the first place is an app found on iOS and Android devices. Simply search the App Store or Google Play for The Chosen and download the app today. Or the complete first season can be found on YouTube. Go to YouTube.com and search "The Chosen complete episode" and they should appear in the results.

There have been many, many rave reviews of this show and the impact that it has had on peoples faith lives and journeys. We encourage that you have the means to watch this show, you will certainly enjoy it and be waiting for the second season to come out!



****Disclaimer**** This show is funded by crowd-funding. You will be asked to donate or pay-it-forward in order to support season two. You have no obligation to do this.

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ALL SERVICES WILL BE
SCHEDULED AS NORMAL

<p>03 9:00AM - Rossburn 11:30AM - Oakburn 2:00PM - Russell</p>	<p>04</p>	<p>05 Eve of Theophany Royal Hours - 9AM Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil w/Water Blessing - 4pm RUSSELL</p>	<p>06 Theophany Divine Liturgy Blessings 10:00AM ROSSBURN</p>
<p>10 9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Rossburn 2:00PM - Shoal Lake</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Marie Baydock by Walter & Adele Mychasiw</p>	<p>13 10AM - Divine Liturgy Blessings and Prayers for the Holy Family by Marus</p>
<p>17 9:00AM - Oakburn 11:30AM - Russell 2:00PM - Rossburn</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>20 10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>
<p>24 9:00AM - Rossburn 11:30AM - Shoal Lake 2:00PM - Russell 31 9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Rossburn 2:00PM - Oakburn</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 10AM - Divine Liturgy Health & God's Blessings for Mychasiw, Trakalo & Byskal Families by the family</p>	<p>27 10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>

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		01 Divine Liturgy 10AM - Rossburn Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord	02
07 Eucharist & Water Blessings 10AM ROSSBURN	07 10AM - Divine Liturgy For Seminarian Alex Pankiw and his studies by Marusia Labay	08 10AM - Divine Liturgy For Seminarian Ivas Babick and his studies by Marusia Labay	09
14 Divine Liturgy and health for staff of Family Home Marusia Labay	14 10AM - Divine Liturgy	15 10AM - Divine Liturgy	16
21 Divine Liturgy	21 10AM - Divine Liturgy	22 10AM - Divine Liturgy	23
28 Divine Liturgy	28 10AM - Divine Liturgy	29 10AM - Divine Liturgy	30 Divine Liturgy 10AM - Rossburn 3 Holy Hierarchs

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of January

January 4-8

Icon of Our Lord

Prayers for everyone to follow health orders to end pandemic by Diane Twerdun

Icon of the Theotokos

For our parishioners

January 11-15

Icon of Our Lord

+Marie Baydock by Helen Byskal

Icon of the Theotokos

God's blessings on those celebrating occasions without family due to Covid-19 by Diane Twerdun

January 18-22

Icon of Our Lord

Fr. Jay, Dob. Sophia & Family in their new chapter in life by Diane Twerdun

Icon of the Theotokos

For our parishioners

January 25-29

Icon of Our Lord

Health and God's blessings on all family & friends by Diane Twerdun

Icon of the Theotokos

For our parishioners

HOUSE BLESSINGS will be taking place this year in a different manner. In keeping with our restrictions that are currently upon us, and even if things change before this, we will be offering a modified house blessing. Fr. Jay will come to your house and bless the exterior from your driveway or walk. At that point, through a contactless drop-off, leave a small package containing your January bulletin, 2021 parish calendar and a small bottle of Holy Water with a prayer so that you can bless the interior of your house with your family. If you would like Fr. Jay to stop by to bless your house and drop off the special package, please contact him by email at rossburn.pastor@gmail.com or by phoning him at 204.859.3025. Your house address is necessary for this delivery, so please provide this. GPS coordinates are accepted too!





COVID-19 UPDATE: Currently (at time of publishing) as per the Province of Manitoba's #RestartMB response system, the entire province is under the Code Red ranking system. What this means for parishes is that currently we are not allowed to gather for prayer in our parish buildings. We are allowed to still have the services, if they are being livestreamed. Funerals are allowed to have a maximum of 5 people in attendance. Until further notice, all churches in the Rossburn Pastoral District are closed to Sunday and Festal services. For further information on church restrictions, please contact Fr. Jay or visit the Archeparchy of Winnipeg website at: archeparchy.ca.

Pray with us online! Did you know that you can access all of our liturgical services that happen in Rossburn online? Every Sunday and weekday Divine Liturgy, as well as other services such as vespers that happen at Sacred Heart Parish in Rossburn are streamed live not only on our Facebook page, but as well on our YouTube channel, allowing those without a Facebook account to be able to still access the services. For Facebook, search @[Rossburn.UGCC](https://www.facebook.com/Rossburn.UGCC) and on YouTube search: [Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). Now also available on our new website at rossburnugcc.ca



Rossburn Pastoral District Christmas Project

A huge thank you goes out to all of those who supported our Christmas Project this year! Fr. Jay and his family collected all the donations on the evening of Dec. 11 & during the day on Dec. 12. Two van loads were then piled into the narthex of Sacred Heart, where everything was sorted and repacked. Early on Dec. 14th, Fr. Jay packed everything back into his van (minus the family) and drove everything into Winnipeg where he was greeted by the staff and volunteers at The Welcome Home. Not only was there a lot of warm winter gear donated, there was also a great selection of bonus clothing items for those

Thank You

that needed. We also raised over \$1500 that was donated directly to The Welcome Home. Pictured is Fr. Jay presenting Fr. Larry with the donations.



From The Welcome Home to give you an idea of where these items

go: We have our regular Wednesday morning hamper program which runs every week, often times people are in need of warm items such as those that were collected: hats, toques, scarves, mitts, jackets, ski- pants, blankets, pillows, sweaters and some boots. Thank you also for the monetary gifts, which funds the supplies needed for our programs.

Rosburn Pastoral District Member Survey LAST CHANCE

With the change of pastors in the district, it is a good time for all members of the district to check in and update all their information. This is simply a way to make sure that the office has all current contact information for everyone and their preferred ways of communication. Please find the survey online by visiting: <https://forms.gle/2FK5tY2duZo7FEcMA> or you can pick up a physical copy of the survey at the entrance of each parish. The paper copies can be dropped off in the collection plate on Sundays or mailed to the parish office. We thank you in advance for your full participation in the survey.

Excerpt from Patriarch Sviatoslav's Theophany Greeting

We bring good news that Jesus Christ, baptized in the Jordan, is the source of the world's rebirth and restoration. Each year in the Holy Land, following the winter rains, the arid Judean desert undergoes a sort of resurrection, all covered in greenery and life. Similarly, our life is renewed when we open up to God's grace pouring out on us. In spite of any difficulties or obstacles we may face, when we allow our Lord into our heart, this gives birth to the fruit of His Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, and everything that bears authentic witness before others that we are God's children!

+ Sviatoslav



Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

Sundays: 9am, 11am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 10am—Rosburn

Confessions: Prior to Divine Liturgies or by appointment (always available!)

Baptisms & Funerals: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay on the parish cell phone for emergencies at 204.773.6594.