

as to kill John also. However, Elizabeth promptly hid the child. Enraged, at this King Herod sent his executioners to Zacharias in the Temple to slay him (for it happened that it was Zacharias' turn again to serve in the Temple of Jerusalem). Zacharias was slain between the court and the temple and his blood coagulated and petrified on the stone pavers and remained a perpetual witness against Herod. Elizabeth hid with the child in a cave where she died soon after. The young child John remained in the wilderness alone under the care of God and God's angels.

**Saint Nicetas, Bishop of Remesiana:** Nicetas was a friend and the same age as St. Paulinus of Nola (January 23). It appears that he was a Slav and, as such, preached the Gospel among the Slavs in the region of Nish and Pirot. The kind of change that St. Nicetas did among the Slavs is best shown in the hymn which St. Paulinus composed about St. Nicetas: "O what a change! And how fortunate!" Until then the impassible and bloody mountains concealing robbers now converted into monks; cadets of peace. Where once the habits of wild beasts, there is now the feature of angels. The righteous one hides in a cave where earlier, the evildoer dwelled. The episcopal see of Nicetas was Remesiana which some understand to be Pirot. Along with his missionary service, St. Nicetas also wrote several books such as the six books about Faith and a book about a fallen maiden (which aroused many to repentance). Saint Nicetas reposed in the Lord in the fifth century.

**The Holy Martyrs Orentius, Pharnacius, Eros, Firmus, Cyriacus and Longinus:** They were all brothers and Roman soldiers during the reign of Emperor Maximian. When the Romans were waging war against the Scythians beyond the Danube river, St. Orentius came forth to battle with Marathom, the Scythian Goliath, and slew him. Because of this, the entire Roman army offered sacrifices to the gods but Orentius, with his brothers, declared that they were Christians and could not offer sacrifices to the deaf and dumb idols. Regardless of their military merits, they were condemned to exile to the Caspian region however, along the way, all seven, one after the other, died from hunger and sufferings and took up habitation in the Kingdom of Christ.

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### June 24, 2018

#### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

**Gospel:** St. Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76-80

**Services:** *Sunday*-9 a.m. Orthros and 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

**Saints of the Day: 4th Sunday After Pentecost** The Nativity of the Forerunner; New-martyr Panayiotis of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

#### Order of Service

##### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 3

Let all things above in heaven rejoice and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy. *Page 83 in the green book.*

##### Apolytikion for St. John the Baptist Nativity Tone 4

O prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us, \* all we who with longing now extol you are at a loss to honor you worthily. \* For your mother's barrenness and father's long silence, \* by your all-renowned and hallowed birth, were both ended, \* and the Incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.

##### Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

##### Kontakion to the Theotokos Tone 2

A protection of Christians unshameable \* intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering \* reject not \* the prayerful cries of those who are in sin \* instead come to us, for You are good \* Your loving help bring unto us \* who are crying in faith to you \* Hasten to intercede \* and speed now to

supplicate\* as a protection for all time \* Theotokos, for those who honor you. (*Sung with long ending*)

### Communion Hymn for the Day

In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia.

### Divine Services

**Wed. June 27:** Paraklesis 6pm

**Thurs. June 28:** 9th Hour and Great Vespers 6pm

**Fri. June 29:** Orthros 8am and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul 9am

**Sat. June 30:** Orthros 8am and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles 9am; NO Great Vespers.

### Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is "*With the fear of God, faith and love*" that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

### Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

### Coffee Hour Signup

Please sponsor a coffee hour. Donations are welcome to help provide treats following services. **June 24** Van Wert family (fast day). **July 1** Topakas family (Jake) **July 8** Sponsor Needed **July 15** Sponsor Needed **July 22** Sponsor Needed

### Bookstore

Thank you for your continued support for the bookstore. We have a variety of books, icons, greeting cards, prayer ropes/bracelets and a small lending library. If you have any items or books you would like specially ordered, please contact Olga at [osonnenburg@comcast.net](mailto:osonnenburg@comcast.net).

### Greek Dance Lessons/Youth Group

We welcome your children, ages 4 and older, and adults to join our parish **Greek Dance Group**. For more information please contact Constadina Vasilades at: 808-373-0312 or [constadina@shaw.ca](mailto:constadina@shaw.ca) for more information.

### Lily Bulbs Available

Feel free to take the potted lilies in the hall, underneath the table as you enter downstairs. The bulbs can be replanted for next year's blooms.

### Stewardship 2018

Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for a stewardship packet.

### Capital Campaign

**Amazon Smile:** You may support Archangel Michael GOC through Amazon Smile. Please make sure you sign in at: <https://smile.amazon.com/> **King Soopers Cards:** Please pick up your King Soopers card as 5% of every purchase is sent back to AMGOC.

### Greek Festival

The Greek Festival will be held August 17, 18 and 19. Please mark your calendars and also volunteer for this important fundraiser. Signup sheets are in the church hall.

### Semi-Annual General Assembly

The next semi-annual General Assembly will be held on July 1st, 2018 immediately following coffee hour in the hall. We highly encourage you to attend this informational session.

### Saints of the Day

**The Nativity of Saint John the Forerunner and Baptizer of the Lord:** Six months before his appearance in Nazareth to the All-holy Virgin Mary, the great archangel of God, Gabriel appeared to Zacharias the high priest in the Temple at Jerusalem. Before he announced the miraculous conception to the unwed virgin [Mary], the archangel announced the miraculous conception to the childless old woman [Elizabeth]. Zacharias did not immediately believe the words of the herald of God and this is why his tongue was tied with dumbness and remained as such until eight days after the birth of John. On that day, the relatives of Zacharias and Elizabeth gathered for the young child's circumcision and for the sake of giving him a name. When they asked the father what name he wishes to give to his son and being dumb, he wrote on a tablet: "John." At that moment his tongue became loosed and he began to speak. The home of Zacharias was on the heights between Bethlehem and Hebron. The news of the appearance of the angel of God to Zacharias was spread throughout all of Israel, as well as of his dumbness and the loosening of his tongue at that moment when he wrote the name "John." The news concerning this even reached Herod. Therefore, when Herod sent soldiers to slay the children throughout Bethlehem, he directed men to the hilly dwelling place of the family of Zachari-