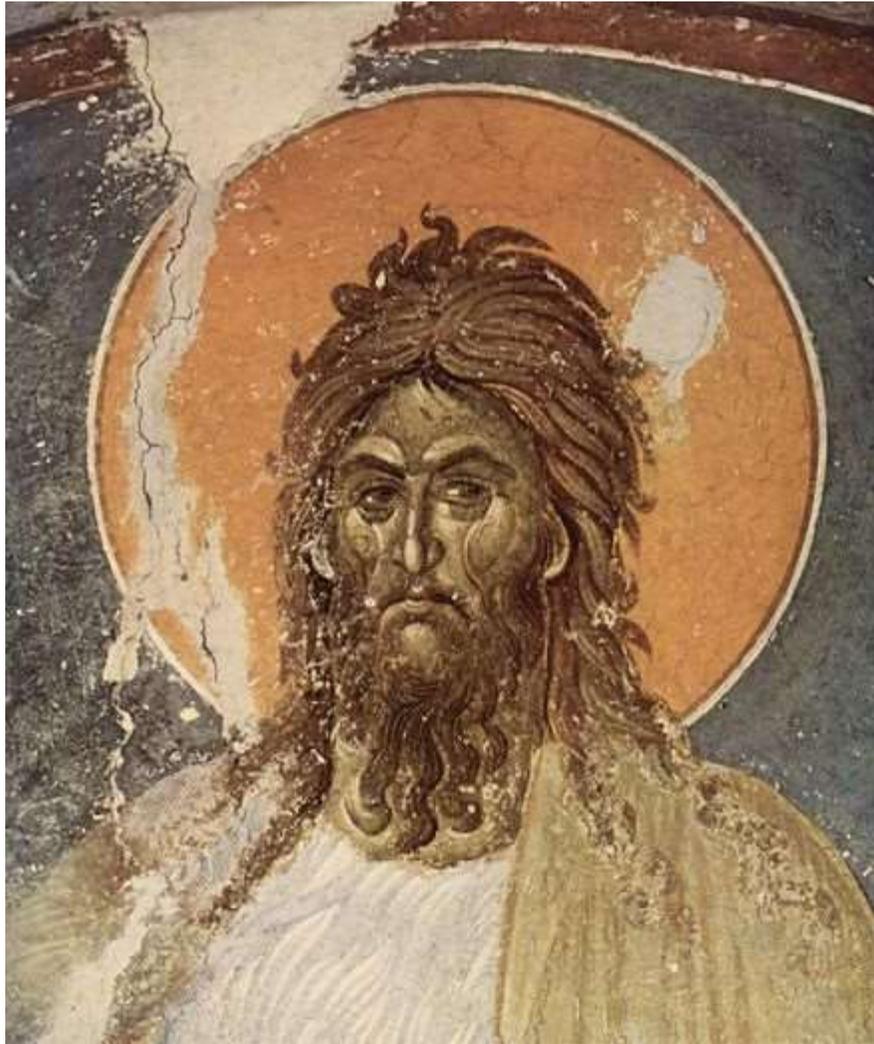


All Saints'
Memorial Church
674 Westminster St., Providence RI

E-Messenger, June 23, 2022

*Come and worship
Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!*

"He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30)."



Fresco from **Gračanica Monastery, Kosovo**, c. 1235

Dear All Saints' Family,

This rather intense and ascetic figure is the prophet John the Baptist. Tomorrow, June 24, the church commemorates the Nativity of John The Baptist. John was a fiery preacher who lived in the desert.

He called the people of Israel to repentance and baptized in the Jordan, proclaiming the coming Kingdom of God. He had many followers and his preaching attracted crowds of people. John humbly maintained his focus, pointing to Jesus, the Messiah. John reminded his disciples that he was not the Messiah, "*but I have been sent ahead of him...He must increase, but I must decrease.*"

Bold and prophetic words then. Bold and prophetic words for us today. Here is a bit more about John the Baptist from *Holy Women and Holy Men*:

"John the Baptist, the prophet, and forerunner of Jesus, was the son of elderly parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and was related to Jesus on his mother's side. His birth is celebrated six months before Christmas Day, since, according to Luke, Elizabeth became pregnant six months before the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary.

John figures prominently in all four Gospels, but the account of his birth is given only in the Gospel according to Luke. His father, Zechariah, a priest of the Temple at Jerusalem, was struck speechless because he doubted a vision foretelling John's birth. When his speech was restored, Zechariah uttered a canticle of praise, the Benedictus, which is one of the canticles in the Daily Office.

John lived ascetically in the desert. He was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt, and ate locusts and wild honey. He preached repentance,

and called upon people to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and of the Messiah, baptizing his followers to signify their repentance and new life. Jesus himself was baptized by John in the Jordan.

John had many followers, some of whom became Jesus' disciples. Because of his denunciation of the sins of Herod, especially Herod's incestuous marriage, John incurred the enmity of Herodias, Herod's wife, and was put in prison. Through Herodias' plotting with Salome, her daughter, Herod was led to promise a gift to Salome, who demanded John's head. John was thereupon executed.

John is remembered during Advent as a prophet, and at Epiphany as the baptizer of Jesus. The Gospel according to John quotes the Baptist as saying to his followers that Jesus is the Lamb of God, and prophesying, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30)."

Yours in the Spirit,
Julie

All are warmly welcome to our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist:

Zoom link: Sunday, June 26, 9:30 am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2pKek0rMGVzMFFEcIFiUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 8400 6164

Password: 674674

Service Program Link, June 26:

http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117437355/service_bulletin_3_pentecost_sunday_june_26_2022.pdf



Notes from the Music Program

A Communion Prelude for Flute and Organ

Composed by Charles Callahan, the offertory for Sunday is based on the French folk song Picardy. It is thought to date from the 1600s and is named for the province of Picardy in northern France from which it originated. You will recognize the tune as that of “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (Hymn #324).

In recognition of its French origins, I will be playing it on my French model Haynes flute.

~ Becky

Healing of Creation Garden



Stop by this Saturday morning, June 25, between 9 and 10:30, and watch and learn about the plants in the garden. We will be planting the final set of grasses and plants of the season that morning (and removing the constantly growing invasive weeds!). Our next steps will be to design the layout for the south side of the church and the rains gardens, and the courtyard gardens so that we will be ready when Groundwork RI does its work in the early fall.

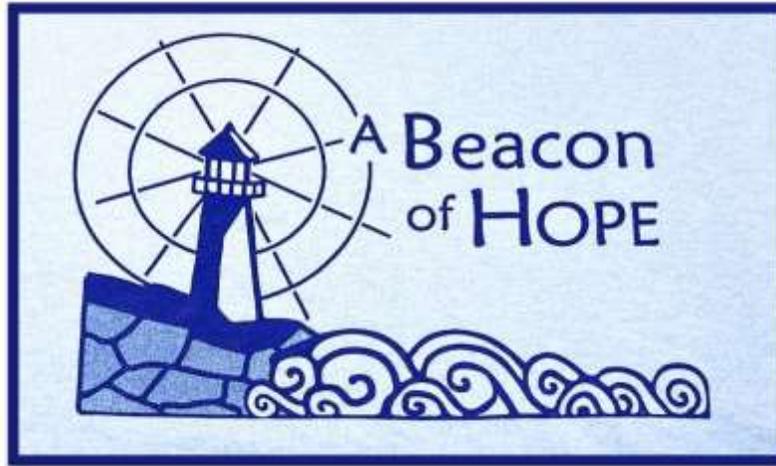
Over the summer, we will be tending the pollinator garden and watching the plants and grasses grow. Be sure to look and see what is new each Sunday morning.

Altar Flower Ministry



Do you have flowers in your garden that might grace the altar on a Sunday? Please contact Marybeth Hanavan (mbhanavan@gmail.com) if you would like to bring flowers on a given Sunday. Please let Marybeth know one week in advance. Thank you!

Outreach News



Next Meeting: June 26th, in-person or Zoom.

Outreach Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- June: Packaged Rice
- July: Packaged Pasta

Upcoming Events

June 26: Outreach Meeting, In-person or Zoom

June 29: Noonday Prayer, 12:00 in the church

July 24: Facilities Meeting, Zoom or in person

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, and Dan Nagle. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Mary Tryforos, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, and Phil.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week.

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

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SCRIPTURE READING

June 26, 2022

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

Response: Psalm 16

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

July 3, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Response: Psalm 66:1-8

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11,16-20

Publishing Information

The next regular edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on Thursday, June 30. Please submit any articles or info you may have to **allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com**



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