



*Saint Mark's Church  
Sunday School*

## **St. John the Baptist** **Code: 8/SA/6**

### **1. General Aims of the unit**

To study the history of Christianity , appreciate her sacrifices , feel proud of the glories of our fathers and follow their steps

### **2. Special aims of the lesson**

1. To explore the time before the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the need to someone to prepare the way before Him.
2. To detail the life of John the Baptist , his miraculous birth ( Luke 1 ) , his childhood in the wilderness ( Luke 3 ) , his mission “ baptism of repentance” ( Mark 1), his boldness to confront king Herod , his imprisonment and at last his martyrdom( Mark 6)
3. To highlight his special relation with our Lord Jesus Christ during the visit of St. Mary to St. Elisabeth( Luke 1 ) , Jesus baptism in the river Jordon ( Matt. 3 ; John 1)and how Jesus witnessed him as the greatest among who was born from women(Matt. 11)
4. To elaborate on the virtues of John the Baptist and why the church asks for his “intercession” as she asks the intercession of St. Mary and the angels

### **3.Outcomes**

**By the end of this lesson the teens are able to:**

1. Remember by heart the pivotal events in the life of John the Baptist and the day the church celebrate his martyrdom.
2. To debate “ why he is the greatest among those born of women?” and understand the meaning of the verse.
3. Summarize his virtues and pick up one of them , pray , struggle and beg the Lord to grant it to them.

**4.Verses:** Matt. 3: 1-4 ; 11:11 ; Luke 1:80

- 5. References :** 1. John the Baptist F.B. Mayer  
2. SUS program –John the Baptist - Yr. 7 January 2

## Podcasts

Fr Patrick Reardon:

[http://ancientfaith.com/podcasts/allsaints/john\\_the\\_baptist\\_marr\\_k\\_11-8](http://ancientfaith.com/podcasts/allsaints/john_the_baptist_marr_k_11-8)

Fr Thomas Hopko:

Part1:

[http://ancientfaith.com/announcements/the\\_greatest\\_born\\_of\\_woman\\_st.\\_john\\_the\\_baptist](http://ancientfaith.com/announcements/the_greatest_born_of_woman_st._john_the_baptist)

Part2:

[http://ancientfaith.com/podcasts/hopko/the\\_greatest\\_born\\_of\\_woman\\_st\\_john\\_the\\_baptist\\_part\\_2](http://ancientfaith.com/podcasts/hopko/the_greatest_born_of_woman_st_john_the_baptist_part_2)

Fr Mark Hanna

<http://www.orthodoxsermons.org/sermons/john-baptist-0>

Fr Paul Girguis

<http://www.orthodoxsermons.org/sermons/man-sent-god-0>