

The Sunday after the Theophany of Christ
The Synaxis of John the Baptist
January 7, 2024

The First Antiphon

When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became his sanctuary; Israel his dominion.
(Refrain)

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back? *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.
(Refrain)

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who was baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy. *(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and Word of God...

The Third Antiphon

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. *(Chant the Troparion of the Theophany)*

The Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Theophany (Tone 1)

When Thou, O Lord, was baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee and called Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared unto us and hath enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

The Troparion for the Synaxis of John the Baptist (Tone 2)

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

Kontakion of Theophany (Tone 4)

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

Anti-Trisagion:

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3x). Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ, Alleluia. *Dynamis!* As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokeimenon

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer.

Epistle

Acts 19:1-6

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

Holy Gospel

John 1:29-34

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, 'After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.' I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke

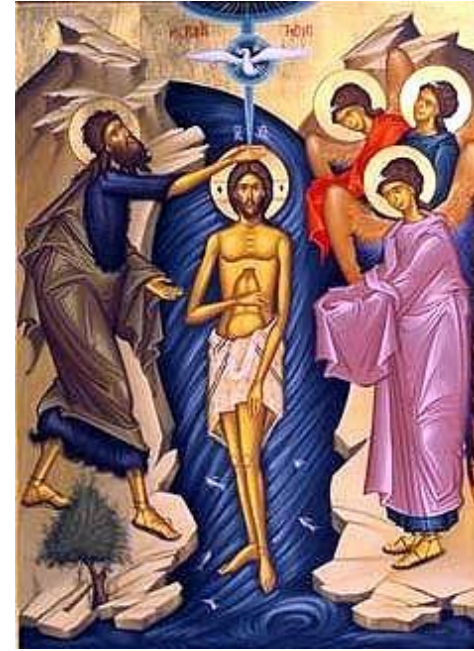
Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Jim, Laura, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

Departed:

Fr Tom is available for House Blessings. Please contact him at 703-303-3047.

Today we will experience the blessing of the waters at the conclusion of Liturgy. Each family will receive a small bottle of Holy Water.

Next Sunday Presbyteria Vicki will provide Vasilopita (St. Basil bread). This fun tradition has become a part of our parish activities.



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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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