

Leave-Taking of and Sunday after the Theophany

January 14, 2024

Holy fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu; Virgin-martyr Agnes

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

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; save us who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

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.

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.

Prokeimenon

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:7-13

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke/ Carol Ofiesh

Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, 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: James, Laura

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

For those who were absent last Sunday, a bottle of holy water has been reserved for your family. See Fr Tom.

Today Presbytera Vicki will provide Vasilopita (St. Basil bread). This fun tradition has become a part of our parish activities. Last year Fabiola found the hidden coin.

The funeral for Jim and Laura Briggs was held at 1:00 PM this past Thursday at Colonial Funeral Home, 201 Edwards Ferry Rd. NE, Leesburg, VA 20176 (703-777-1414). Graveside service was held immediately following at Union Cemetery in Leesburg, Virginia.

At the conclusion of Divine Liturgy today, Fr Tom will deliver a sermon/eulogy for Jim Briggs. It will be followed by a memorial Service for Jim and Laura. All are invited to remain for vasilopita and social hour.



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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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