

The Eve (Paramon) of Theophany January 5, 2025

Martyrs Theopemptos the bishop of Nicomedia and Theonas the former magician; Venerable Syncretica of Alexandria; Venerable-martyr Romanos of Athos

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)

Byzantine Tone 3

Basil Kazan
(1915 - 2001)

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Let the heav - ens re - joice and the earth be glad,
for the Lord hath done a might - y act with his own arm.
He hath tram - pled down death by death and be - come the First -
born from the dead. He hath de - liv - ered us from the
depths of ha - des, grant - ing the world the great mer - cy.

Troparion for the Eve of Theophany (Tone 4)

River Jordan was turned back by Elisha's mantle once, when the fiery man of zeal Elijah had been taken up; then were its waters divided hither and thither. The running streams became dry passage unto him, truly as a sign and type of Baptism, whereby we pass to the other side of the shifting stream of this fleeting life. Christ hath appeared in the Jordan River, to sanctify the waters.

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 for the Eve of Theophany (Tone 4)

In the running waters of the Jordan River, on this day the Lord of all crieth to John: Be not afraid and hesitate not to baptize me, for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

The Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.
Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



Assisting Priest: Fr. Michael Kontogiorgis

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh/Pr. Vicki Kontogiorgis

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, Cassi, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers throughout the world.

Departed: Perry (Spyridon)

Today we will observe the Great Sanctification of Waters at the conclusion of Liturgy. Father Tom has prepared a bottle of Holy Water for each family. The water will be distributed during the veneration of the cross.

Next Sunday we will have the one-year memorial for Jim and Laura Briggs. We will be having a special social hour to honor their service at St. Raphael.

Zoom Prayer and Bible Study resume on Wednesday, January 15, from 8:00-9:30 PM. Look for more details in upcoming emails.

The theme of the Theophany is the revelation of Christ as God by the voice of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ. Today's bulletin cover is the icon of the feast. It depicts John performing the baptism and the three angelic beings representing the Holy Trinity.

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who was some six months older than Our Savior according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Savior also came from Galilee to the Jordan and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvelous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:1-22). From these events the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great mystery of the Trinity were demonstrated. It is also from this that the present feast is called "Theophany," that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.



St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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