

Sunday after Theophany
January 12, 2025

Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those with her; Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine; Virgin-martyr Euthasia; Martyr Mertios of Mauretania

1st Antiphon – Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was in his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. *(Refrain)*

The sea saw it and fled: Jordan was driven back. What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? O thou Jordan, that thou was driven back? *(Refrain)*

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

2nd Antiphon – Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who was baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

I am well pleased, for the Lord will hear the voice of my prayer. He hath inclined His ear unto me; therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live. *(Refrain)*

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell took hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. *(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 ...

3rd 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. **(Troparion for 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 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Troparion of Theophany (Tone 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast 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.”

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: James and Laura Briggs, Perry George (Spyridon)

Please let Father Tom know if you wish for him to bless your home.

Know your faith: “Theophany” literally means _____. How was this manifested in the baptism of Jesus? _____. Why was Jesus baptized? _____. Many of the prayers for the blessing of water are also used in the Sacrament of _____. The Liturgy of _____ is used on the Feast of Theophany. What is the next major feast of the Church? _____. What hymn is sung during a house blessing? _____. Who was responsible for the slaughter of the “holy innocents”? _____. Where did the holy family move after their flight to Egypt? _____. (T/F) The Magi found Jesus lying in the manger. When Jesus was baptized, he was anointed by the _____ and, thus, his title--_____, the “anointed one.” He was anointed to fulfill the three special offices held by leaders of the Old Covenant--_____, _____, and _____.

Today we offer the one-year memorial for Jim and Laura Briggs, long-time members of St. Raphael. We also offer the forty-day memorial for Perry George, brother of Pr. Vicki.

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