

all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Prayer Behind the Ambon

O Lord our God, Your love for us is beyond expression, for it pleased You to make Your only-begotten Son a man born of a pure woman, like us in every way except sin. As man He was baptized for our sakes by John the Forerunner, though He had no need of purification, that He might make the nature of water holy and favor us with rebirth from water and from the Spirit. Eternal Father, He was baptized, that we might recognize You, that we might adore and praise Your beloved Son from heaven, and that we might glorify Your Holy Spirit, who descended upon Him, and showed Him to the Baptist. In Him You sealed and anointed us through baptism; You made us sharers of Your Christ. Through Him do not fail us sinners but strengthen us against all evil powers. Strengthen Your government against all tyranny and guide us all into Your Kingdom. In us may Your holy Name, and that of Your only-begotten Son and that of Your Holy Spirit, be glorified, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Following "Blessed be the Name of the Lord..." we begin the Great Blessing of Waters.

JAN. 8 ANNOUNCEMENTS: – LADIES GUILD MEETING – FOLLOWING DEVINE LITURGY

We are now collecting clean, slightly used clothing for distribution through our Orthodox charities. Our donation box is in the vestibule awaiting your "delivery"

USED TENNIS BALLS: **NEEDED** – If you or anyone in your family plays tennis, please do not throw out old "lifeless" balls. Donate them to the church – a basket will be available in the kitchen for your donations.

JAN. 1 DONATIONS: FOR HEALTH OF (FHO): FAMILY – COLLEEN PANDOFF

IN MEMORY OF(IMO): MY FATHER, MOTHER, SISTER, JOHN, VANA, DONNA & GEORGIA – HELEN BIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN. 15 – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

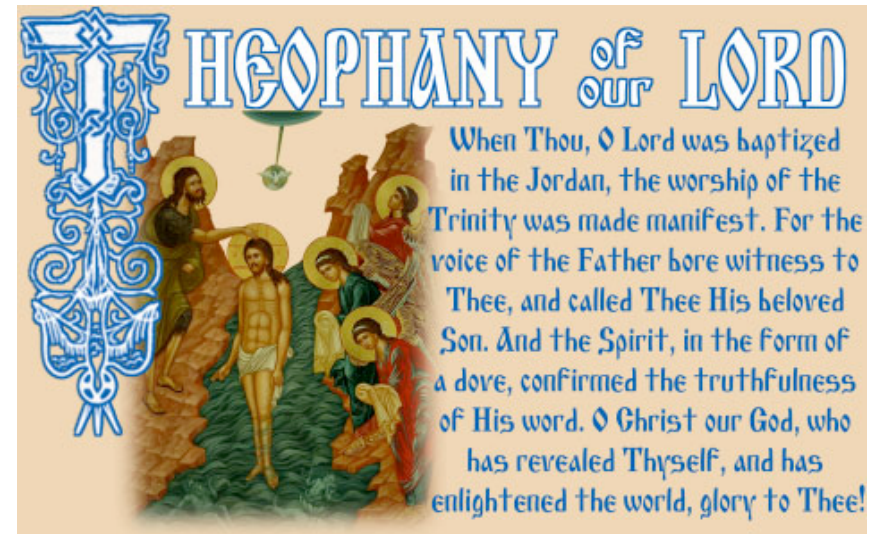
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THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 8

Today we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom



First Festal Antiphon (Psalm 114)

Verse: When Israel went forth from Egypt, / the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

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

Verse: Judah became His sanctuary, / Israel His dominion.

Verse: The sea looked and fled, / Jordan turned back.

Verse: What ails you, O sea, that you flee? / O Jordan, that you turn back?

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

Refrain

Second Festal Antiphon (Psalm 116)

Verse: I love the Lord because He has heard / the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, / save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Verse: Because He inclined His ear to me, / therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Verse: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. / I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the name of the Lord.

Verse: Gracious and righteous is the Lord, / and our God is merciful.

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

Only begotten Son and Immortal Word of God...

Third Festal Antiphon (Psalm 118)

Verse: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, / for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bare 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 hast revealed Thyself, // and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Verse: Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, / for His mercy endures forever!

Verse: Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, / for His mercy endures forever!

Verse: Let all those who fear the Lord say: for He is good, / for His mercy endures forever!

THE INTROIT OF THE LITTLE ENTRANCE: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the House of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

TROPARION & KONTAKION

Troparion, Feast: When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bare 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 hast revealed Thyself, // and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Glory... now and ever...

Kontakion, Feast: Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, / and Thy light, O Lord, has shone on us, / who with understanding praise Thee: / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O Light Unapproachable!

INSTEAD OF "HOLY GOD...", "As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Epistle – Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Titus, my son: The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by Thee, and dost Thou come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill