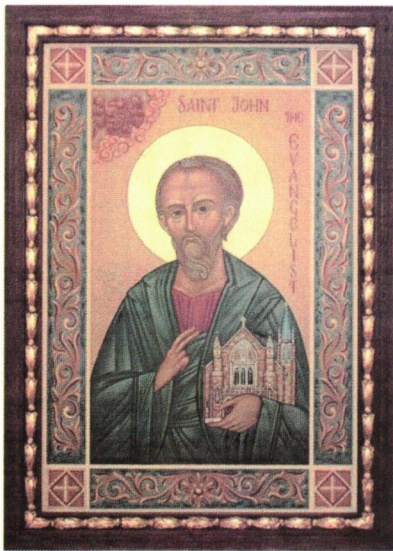


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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshiping with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshiping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 7

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

MARTYR TATIANA OF ROME AND THOSE WITH HER; MARTYR PETER ABSALOM OF PALESTINE

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: 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... Both now... (***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: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to 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... Both now... O, 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 Apolytikion of THEOPHANY. Then the following

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THERE WILL BE A TRISAGION FOR 3 DEPARTED SOULS TODAY.

Patty Paulin—requested Jan. 12th for her mother Patricia Tony

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

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, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, Will not reject you pleas on our behalf. Beseech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and great mercy./

KONTAKION OF THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

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.

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THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the 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.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon 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."

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On January 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate the holy Martyr Tatiana of Rome, the Deaconess, and those with her.

Verses

For Tatiana, who was in all things resplendent,
The bright sword gave her head a resplendent laurel.

On the twelfth, they trimmed Tatiana's neck.

Tatiana lived during the reign of Emperor Alexander Severus, whose chief assistants persecuted Christians without the emperor's orders. When they brought out the virgin Tatiana for torture, she prayed to God for her torturers. And behold, their eyes were opened and they saw four angels around the martyr. Seeing this, eight of them believed in Christ for which they also were tortured and slain. The tormentors continued to disfigure Tatiana, but God sent His angels to the dungeon to encourage her and to heal her wounds. Each morning, Tatiana appeared before the torturers completely healed. Finally, Tatiana and her father were both beheaded in about the year 225. Thus, this heroic woman and those with her were crowned with immortal wreaths of glory.

On this day, we also commemorate Martyr Peter Absalom of Palestine.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY SERVICES

January 11th Saturday — NO Great Vespers

January 12th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

COUNCIL MEETING 12Noon

January 18th Saturday — Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30 AM

Great Vespers 5PM

January 19th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

January 22nd Wednesday —Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.

January 25th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

January 26th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

January 29th Wednesday — Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session —GREAT LENT.

February 1st Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

February 2nd Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

February 5th Wednesday—Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.

February 9th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

February 10th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy10 AM

February 12th Wednesday—Daily Vespers at 6PM, light meal to follow with study session—GREAT LENT.

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Debbie, Shannon, Aiden, Justin, Sassic Family, Harriet, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Trish, Cindy, Joann, Marlene, George, Julianna, Ray, Lori, Patrick, Dionisia and Labrini.

Catechumens Breana, Jessica, Nicholas

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of Infant Micah, Eleanor.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The Great Light in Matthew 4 is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” (Orthodox Study Bible). The prayer read by the priest before the reading of the Gospel is this: “illumine our hearts, O Master who loves mankind with the pure of thy divine knowledge, Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding our Gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto thee. For thou are the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Chrst our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and thine all-holy, good, and life creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

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New Classes—GREAT LENT

Wednesday, January 22nd: DAILY VESPERS 6PM followed by fasting meal and Study of the Great Lent. Brochures are available on table in narthex. Print pages off website one time and use for 6 weeks prior to Lent.

SHARING THE SAME SPIRITUAL QUALITIES

In January, our Holy Orthodox Church honors two monastic saints who lived in different centuries and in different parts of the world. It is fitting to remember them together on the same day, since they both lived remarkably similar ascetic lives. **PAUL OF THEBES** was born in Egypt during the reign of the Emperor Decius. He and his sister each inherited half of their parents' property when they died. Paul's pagan brother-in-law threatened to reveal to the local authorities that he was a Christian if he did not give him his share of the family inheritance. Paul did so willingly - not out of fear - but rather out of conviction for following the monastic way of life. He went out to the desert and spent the rest of his life living as a hermit. Even the renowned monastic St. Anthony the Great visited him in the desert and reported back to his fellow monks at his monastery the spiritual heights that had been reached by Paul. Paul of Thebes died in 341 AD, having lived over 100 years.

JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER was born into a wealthy family in Constantinople in the early 5th century. Unimpressed with the riches of the world, he fled from home at an early age and settled in a monastery, where he stayed for six years. Tempted by the devil to return home and live a life of luxury, John left the monastery. Indeed, he went back to his parent's house, but returned dressed as a beggar. Not recognizing their son, John's parents gave the "beggar" permission to live in a hut on their property. For three years, he spent his time praying for his parents. When he ultimately became gravely ill, John revealed his identity to them by showing them a precious Gospel they had given him as a child - his only earthly possession. This humble saint passed into eternity in 450 AD.

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