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FEASTS CELEBRATED TODAY

On this, the 3rd of January, the Sunday before the Feast of Epiphany, we celebrate:

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Malachi the Prophet

Gordios the Martyr of Caesarea

Forefeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Righteous Genevieve of Paris

Righteous Peter of Atroas

Righteous Akakios the Wonderworker

Righteous Thomais of Lesbos

By their holy intercessions, Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Sunday, January 3, 2020
SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

*These hymns are sung after the Priest enters the Altar carrying the Gospel.
The Apolytikion for the Resurrection is sung once in Greek at the exit, and it
is repeated in English after the entrance.*

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Fifth Tone)

O Faithful, let us sing a hymn of praise and worship to the Logos who is co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, who was born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of His own will, He went upon the Cross in the flesh and suffered death, to raise the dead through His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion for The Forefeast of Theophany

Make ready, O Zebulum; prepare yourself, O Naphthali; cease to flow, O River Jordan; receive in joy the Master who comes to be baptized. Adam, rejoice with the first mother. Do not hide in Paradise, as before, for He came to see us, even naked, that He might clothe us as we were before. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Apolytikion for Saint Barbara

Let us honor Saint Barbara; for the all-modest one prevailed over the snares of the enemy, and was freed from them as a sparrow, with the Cross as aid and weapon.

Seasonal Kontakion

Appearing in the streams of the Jordan today, the Lord cries out to John, "Do not be afraid to Baptize Me for I have come to save Adam, the first to be created."



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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 - Sunday before Epiphany

❖ Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

MEMORIAL FOR ROSALIE FORINASH

Tuesday, January 5 - Eve of Epiphany

❖ Royal Hours 8am; Vespertal Divine Liturgy 9am

❖ Lesser Blessing of the Waters 10am

Wednesday, January 6 - Feast of Epiphany (Theophany)

❖ Orthros 8am; Divine Liturgy 9am

❖ Great Blessing of the Waters 10am

Thursday, January 7 - Feast of St. John the Baptist

❖ Orthros 8am; Divine Liturgy 9am

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 - Sunday after Epiphany

❖ Orthros, 9am; Divine Liturgy, 10am

Did you know...

EPIPHANY or THEOPHANY????

The observance of Theophany commemorates Christ's baptism by John the Forerunner in the River Jordan, and the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry. The Feast of Theophany is the culmination of the Christmas Season, which starts on December 25 and ends on January 6. In mystic commemoration of this event, the Great Blessing of Water is performed on this day, and the holy water so blessed is used by the local priest to bless the homes of the faithful.

Theophany means "the appearance of God" The feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ the Holy Trinity appeared clearly to mankind for the first time—the Father's voice is heard from Heaven, the Son of God is incarnate and standing physically in the Jordan, and the Holy Spirit descends on Him in the form of a dove.

This feast is also sometimes referred to as Epiphany by English-speaking Orthodox Christians, but that name more properly refers to the Western Christian feast falling on that same day and commemorating the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus. The term "Epiphany" does appear in some of the service texts for this feast, however.

EPISTLE READING

II Timothy 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil 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, 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.



GOSPEL READING

Mark I:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing 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 thong 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."