

WELCOME GUESTS

Guests are always welcome to worship with us! We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you might have about Holy Orthodoxy or our parish.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, and are prepared through prayer, fasting and recent confession, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

“Whenever we enter the church and draw near to the heavenly mysteries, we ought to approach with all humility and fear, both because of the presence of the angelic powers and out of the reverence due to the sacred oblation; for as the Angels are said to have stood by the Lord’s body when it lay in the tomb, so we must believe that they are present in the celebration of the Mysteries of His most sacred Body at the time of consecration.

— *St Bede the Venerable*

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FOREFEAST OF AND SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

- Holy Prophet Malachi •Martyr Gordios of Cappadocia
- Venerable Thomais the Wonderworker of Lesbos
- Venerable Genevieve of Paris

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

Be thou ready, Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now to clothe you in the first robe again. Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.

APOLYTIKION OF ST TIMOTHY IN TONE FOUR

O holy apostle Timothy, master of unction measured in all thy deeds, clothed with an upright conscience as befits a priest, thou has drawn ineffable truths from Paul the vessel of election; thou hast kept the faith and completed a course equal to his, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

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 READINGS

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

FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO ST. 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.

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. 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."

SERVICES THIS WEEK

- ◆ Tuesday — 8:00am, Royal Hours of Theophany
- ◆ Tuesday — 6:00 pm, Festal Orthros and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with the Great Blessing of the Waters, for the Feast of the Theophany
- ◆ Wednesday — 6:00 pm, Vespers
- ◆ Friday — 6:00 pm, an evening service
- ◆ Saturday — 6:00 pm, Great Vespers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Baby Bottles are still in the parish hall. We've moved the "due date" to the end of January. Take a bottle home and fill it with your spare change and bills of any denomination. Bring your bottle back and we'll send all donations to Alpha Pregnancy Center.
- ◆ The Sisterhood of St Timothy meets next Sunday, January 10, to begin a new year! We'll begin at 11:45, in our usual outside location.

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| • Stephen Purcell | January 3 | • Andrew Bezzerides | January 9 |
| • Selina Menghistu | January 4 | • Sophia Abughazaleh | January 9 |
| • Hiwet Wube | January 7 | • Rebeca Purcell | January 9 |
| • Ethan Krobatsch | January 6 | | |

BLESSED SAINT'S DAY

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| • David McKee | David the Prophet & King, Dec 29 |
| • Subdn Ghattas Abu-Dawood | Holy Theophany, January 6 |
| • John Abu-Dawood | St John the Baptist, January 7 |
| • Joan Coor | St John the Baptist, January 7 |