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GREAT FEAST OF THEOPHANY
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel Reading
Matthew 3:13-17

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for the Feast of Theophany

When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You and called You His beloved Son, and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ, our God, You have revealed Yourself and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

Kontakion: Today You have shown forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises. You have come and revealed Yourself, O unapproachable Light.

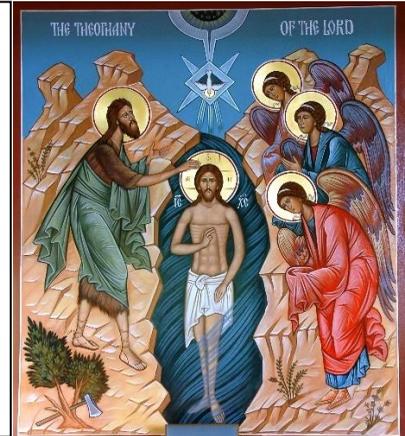
Memory Eternal

We pray for Ludmila Trbovich on the third anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord. Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose. Večnaja pamjat+

We Rejoice Even in Tribulation, An Encyclical of Hope (excerpt) [Full Text](#)

“Let us rejoice! Let us bear one another’s burdens, let us give aid to those who are suffering or oppressed, let us not judge one another. Pray for one another. Pray for us, your bishops; we pray for you earnestly, with great tenderness. You are our joy in the Lord, because Christ is manifest among you! At Theophany, Christ sanctifies the waters by which we receive the Holy Spirit; we receive His light so that we may in turn shine forth as spiritual lights in the world. This is our calling in 2021, and every day of our lives: to enthrone Christ in our hearts, so that it is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us (Gal. 2:20).”

Theophany reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord. God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. The Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but “to bury human sin by water.” The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:27). Read more: [Theophany](#)



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

Great Blessing of Waters for Home Blessings during the Theophany Season

The Blessing of Waters will take place after Liturgy. The bottles of newly blessed Holy Water are for Home Blessings and personal use. Unfortunately, because of CoVID precautions, Fr. John will not be doing house blessings this year. People are indeed encouraged to take home holy water and bless their own homes.

Prayers for the Unborn – Today

ZOE for Life! and Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, OH are hosting a Virtual Service to Pray for the Unborn today at 6PM on [YouTube](#). (Read about [Zoe for Life](#).) Upcoming events:

- Sunday, January 24 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- Thursday, January 28 48th Annual March for Life [OCA Live](#) at 7:30PM

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 20 – Online at 7PM

Fr. John is leading the discussion of a new book, “Acquiring the Mind of Christ” by Abbott Sergius of St. Tikhon’s Monastery. He will email a Zoom invite and notes on “Seeds of Heaven and Hell: Passions, Virtues and Life after Death.”

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Chris Little and his son Javier (7 yrs old) on their birthdays this week. God bless the families celebrating their St. John the Baptist Patron Saint Day/Slava on January 20. Srećna Slava! Mnogaja Ljeta!