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AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel Reading
Matthew 4:12-17

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion for the Sunday after 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 (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

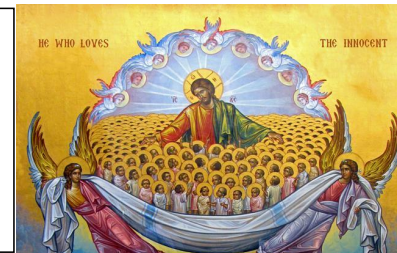
Kontakion for Theophany: Today You have shown forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises. You have come and revealed Yourself, O unapproachable Light.

Memory Eternal – Večnaja Pamjat+

We pray for Shirley Tabler, mother of Linda Marie Sepelak, forty days since her falling asleep in the Lord. We also pray for the blessed repose of the souls of Tatianna Matassov, Tatjana Jovanic's mother Jarvorka, and faithful St. Luke members: Vera Jovancevic, George Markovina, Dan Novak and Sophie Shepel.

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

“We pray that You will grant to the people of this nation the will to do good, to flee from evil, and to practice all righteousness, making us respectful of life and sharers of Your blessings, caring for one another in mercy and truth.” ~From the Sanctity of Life Litany



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

Sanctity of Life Sunday – Today

- Sanctity of Life Sunday is observed today in parishes of the Orthodox Church in America. Special petitions and prayers appeal to God for His protection of human life from conception to natural death. “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.*” Jeremiah 1:5
- His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon offers a [Statement](#) to mark the anniversary of the 1973 Roe v Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States.
- [Sanctity of Life Resources](#): Abortion, Euthanasia, Suicide and Capital Punishment

48th Annual March for Life [OCA Live](#) or [YouTube](#) **Thursday, January 28, 7:30PM**
Join Metropolitan Tikhon for prayers on Thursday. An address will be given by Dr. Ana Iltis of Wake Forest University, a leading Orthodox Christian bioethicist.

Home Blessings during the Theophany Season

Bottles of newly blessed Holy Water are available for Home Blessings. Unfortunately, because of CoVID precautions, Fr. John will not be doing house blessings this year. Everyone is encouraged to take home holy water and bless their own homes, and if possible, pray or sing the Theophany Troparion.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 27 – 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 “Beauty that Saves the World: Beauty, Liturgy and Liturgical Art.”

Annual Commemoration of Saint Sava of Serbia - Sunday, January 31

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

May God bless Jeff and Jennifer Castiglione on their second wedding anniversary!