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## BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Reading**  
Romans 6:3-11

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 28:16-20

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

### Baptismal Divine Liturgy

Today we celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and the Eucharist for Karla Glomazic, daughter of Stefan and Christine Glomazic, and sister of Zova and Jovan Glomazic. Her godparents are Hunter and Irena Whitestone along with Milica and Sava. May the Lord bless Karla as she enters the Orthodox Faith, and her family and godparents. God grant them Many Years!

### Troparion of Holy Baptism

Grant unto me the robe of light, O Most Merciful Christ our God,  
You clothe Yourself with Light as with a garment.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

† As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. †

Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life health, salvation and furtherance in all good things to the handmaiden of God, Karla, keep and preserve her for many years!

### Memory Eternal

We offer prayers for the soul of the newly departed Walden Burgess who fell asleep in the Lord last weekend. “Mr. Burgess” faithfully provided his cleaning services at St. Luke’s for over forty years and became a friend of the parish. His funeral will be on Monday, August 9. Fr. John has details if you wish to attend.

May our loving Lord grant him rest in a place of brightness, a place of refreshment, a place of repose from where all sickness, sorrow and sighing have fled away and may his memory be eternal!

“The true Light has appeared ... Christ, Who is above all purity, is baptized with us; He sanctifies the water and it becomes a cleansing for our souls. The outward sign is earthly, the inward grace is higher than the heavens; Salvation comes through washing, and through water the Spirit: Descending into the water we ascend to God. Wonderful are Thy works, O Lord: Glory to Thee!”



~ Excerpt from Theophany Hymn

**Welcome** to everyone with us today as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith, we invite you to stay for Coffee Hour to meet Fr. John and to get acquainted with us. Come join us again for prayer, study and fellowship.

### Faith in Action – Thank You!

Last Sunday’s charity fundraising for the local NVFS Back2School project and for Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday provided donations for the two organizations here and online. Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry: “We are so grateful for the outpouring of support from churches across the country for this vital ministry!”

### Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, August 4 – 7PM on Zoom

This week’s discussion topic is “On Serving God and Neighbor” by Elder Thaddeus in the book, *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. Fr. John will email the link.

### First Saturday of the Month Great Vespers – August 7 at 5pm

We come together on Saturday at 5PM in person or by [livestream](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) for the evening prayers of Vespers to spiritually prepare for Sunday’s Liturgy and the Eucharist.

### OCMC 2021 Trek4Missions – Walk, Run or Bike Fundraiser - August 9 - Sept. 17

“Join us again this year to unite with individuals and parish communities nationwide to demonstrate our commitment to Christ’s Great Commission ‘to make disciples of all nations’ (Matthew 28:19). [Form or join a virtual team](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) and commit to walking, running, biking, swimming, and more to help us reach a combined 25,000 miles to represent OCMC’s efforts to send missionaries around the world.”

### Metropolitan Tikhon Announces the 2022 OCA All-American Council

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon made a major announcement last week on the 20<sup>th</sup> OCA All-American Council scheduled for July 18-22, 2022 at the Hilton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD. The theme is “Becoming Vessels of Grace” with an overall emphasis on Vocations, both in the spiritual lives of each believer and in the calling of men to the priesthood. Find it on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). Volunteers are needed to help with the event - Join Pda. Kitty, John Minahan & Donna Karabin.