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JANUARY 16, 2022
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY
PROPHET MALACHI
THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
2 Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel Reading
Mark 1:1-8

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Forefeast)

Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn thyself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing, and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Troparion (Prophet Malachi)

We celebrate the memory of Your prophet Malachi, O Lord; through him we entreat You, save our souls.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion (Prophet Malachi)

Endowed with the gift of prophecy, O Malachi, you clearly proclaimed the saving coming of Christ to the world. His brightness has brought light to the whole universe.

Kontakion (Forefeast)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: “Do not be afraid to baptize Me. For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.”

FEAST OF THEOPHANY

Tuesday, January 18 Theophany Eve (Strict Fast)
Wed., January 19 10:30AM Divine Liturgy followed by the
Great Blessing of Water

Theophany Communion Hymn: The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. (Titus 2:11) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Welcome to all guests with us today as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, please talk with Fr. John or any of us. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, and study.

Memory Eternal

We pray for Ludmila Trbovich on the 4th anniversary of her falling asleep. God grant her rest with His saints in blessed repose. Večnaja pamjat +

Sanctity of Life Sunday - Today

Orthodox parishes across the country observe “Sanctity of Life Sunday” today in spiritual preparation for the Orthodox public witness at the annual March for Life later this week. Special liturgical petitions and prayers appeal to God for His protection of human life from conception to natural death. See OCA’s [Sanctity of Life Resource page](#).

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 19 at 7PM on Zoom

Fr. John is leading the discussion on *The Gospel of St. Luke – Good News for the Poor* by Fr. Lawrence Farley. He will email notes and the Zoom link. Everyone is welcome to join.

Orthodox Christians at the Annual March for Life – Friday, January 21

Join Metropolitan Tikhon, bishops, clergy, monastics, seminarians and laity from across the US for the March and prayer service for sanctity of human life. For information and to sign up for text updates before and during the event, go to <https://www.oclife.org/march>.

- 8AM Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral, 3500 Mass. Ave. NW in Washington DC
- 11AM Orthodox gather on the Mall at 12th St. NW & Madison Dr.
Look for the Orthodox Christians for Life banner.
- 12 noon March for Life Rally onstage followed by the March

SAVE THE DATE: St. Sava Patron Saint Day/Slava – Sunday, January 30

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Elizabeth Minahan, Chris Little and his son Javier 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!