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Sunday, January 12, 2025

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - TONE 4

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY

AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY

Martyr Tatiana of Rome and others who suffered with her

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:

Troparion of resurrection, in tone 4:

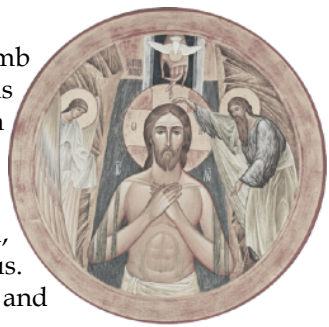
When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

Troparion of the feast, in tone 1:

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Glory, kontakion of resurrection, in tone 4:

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!



Now & ever, kontakion of the feast, in tone 4:

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon for Sunday after Theophany, in tone 1:
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us * as we have set our hope on Thee!
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Epistle: Ephesians 4, 7-13 [π224] (*Sunday after Theophany*)

The Alleluia, in tone 5: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.
v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Gospel: Matthew 4, 12-17 [π8] (*Sunday after Theophany*)

Instead of It is truly meet, the zadostoynik of Theophany:

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even Angels are overcome with awe praising thee. But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God! Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

Communion hymn:
The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all mankind.
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Birthdays / Wedding Anniversaries:

• Daniel & Marina Long - Wedding Anniversary: Jan 18, 1997

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PRAYERS:

• For health of: Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, Archbishop Nathaniel Popp, Archbishop Alexander Golitzin, Matushka Myra Kovalak; Marcia Lutz; Bernard Kusior; Julia Jay

• MEMORY ETERNAL:
- Marie Yurkcuk: +Dec 26, 2024
- Matushka Eugenia Nehrebecki: Apr 30, 1930 - Jan 02, 2025

[*Please let Fr. Vjekoslav know if you would like to add anybody to the prayer list.*]

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Social Hour - following Liturgy

'THANK YOU!' to: **Elaine Dougherty & Karin Holm** for preparing food for the Social Hour following Liturgy.
On the schedule for next Sunday, **Jan 19**: **Tina Gurnavage & Popadija Dragana**.

Church Clean-up

'THANK YOU!' to: **John Lorchak & Phyllis Kawood** for cleaning the church this week.
On the scheduled for next week: **Vicky McDonnell & Traci Weinstein**.

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May God grant you many blessed years for your dedication and hard work!

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Requests Prayers for Archbishop Anastasios and California Wildfires

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon issued the following statement:

My beloved Children in the Lord,I am calling upon the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America to pray for two urgent situations.

First, remember in your prayers His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Albania, whose condition is deteriorating and has been transferred into intensive care. His Beatitude has been a beacon of faithfulness in the Orthodox world, inspiring many through his missionary efforts and dedication to Christ. May the Most Holy Theotokos and all the saints intercede for him and for those who care for him.

Second, I ask all to pray for all those affected by the devastating fires in California. Many have lost their homes, livelihoods, and even loved ones. We ask the Lord to give His strength to those who are aiding in firefighting and relief efforts, and to show mercy to those suffering at this time.

In coming days, please also consider seeking ways to offer tangible support to those affected, bearing one another's burdens as Christ commands us (Gal. 6:2).

Yours in Christ,
+Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

Church Attendance

- **Sat, Jan 04, G. Vespers - 6 adults, 3 children**
- **Sun, Jan 05, D. Liturgy - 24 adults, 3 children**

Received Communion - 19 adults, 3 children

Last Sunday Collection:

- **Sun, Jan 05, D. Liturgy - $ 3,045.41**
- **Total Income for Dec 24 - $ 11,294.oo** (*This includes money from Script and flower donations*)

Liturgical Calendar:

- **Jan 14, Tuesday, 06:00pm - Followup Meeting with the Chancellor & the Dean**
- **Jan 18, Saturday, 04:30pm - Great Vespers**
- **Jan 19, Sunday, 09:00am - Divine Liturgy**

SPECIAL OFFERING

- Sun, Jan 12: **PHILLIP & CALIE KOLLINTZA, in memory of Phillip's sister, Anastasia Karountzou, offer: wine, incense, Altar Table Vigils & Center Table Vigils**

May her memory be eternal!

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Blessing of Homes for Theophany

There are few things more vital to our lives than our homes. In our homes we pray, we work, we talk to others, we order our lives, we work out our marriages, etc. What more important place to reclaim for the Kingdom of God – or is it better to continue living in a place which is occupied by the enemy. For the most effective working out of our salvation, we must drive the enemy out of our homes, and keep him at bay by our prayers, our righteous life, and the annual sprinkling by Holy Water at Theophany.

It is tradition to invite your priest to bless your home with holy water following Theophany. Fr. Vjekoslav will do Blessing of Homes during Theophany season. He is available any time, any day from January 8th on. If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Father either by phone or email in order to schedule the visit. Fell free to text or leave a voice mail and Father will get back to you as soon as possible.

The items needed for a house blessing are:

1. **Candle** (*Real wax candle, that has a wick and is able to burn, not electric*)
2. **Large serving bowl** for the Holy Water
3. **Holy Water** (*Blessed in the Orthodox Church*)

[*Optional:* Small Censer, Charcoal, Incense]

A WARM WELCOME to all visitors and guests who have participated in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy this morning. We invite you all to our parish hall for fellowship following the veneration of the Holy Cross. Please, find the schedule of services and Fr. Vjekoslav's contact info in the bulletin. We hope to see you again!

PLEASE NOTE: **Holy Communion is given only to those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and a recent confession, and have attended the Holy Liturgy from the beginning, and are in peace with each other. Partakers of the Communion must keep strict fasting on the morning before Liturgy, that is not to consume any food or drink until after Eucharist.**