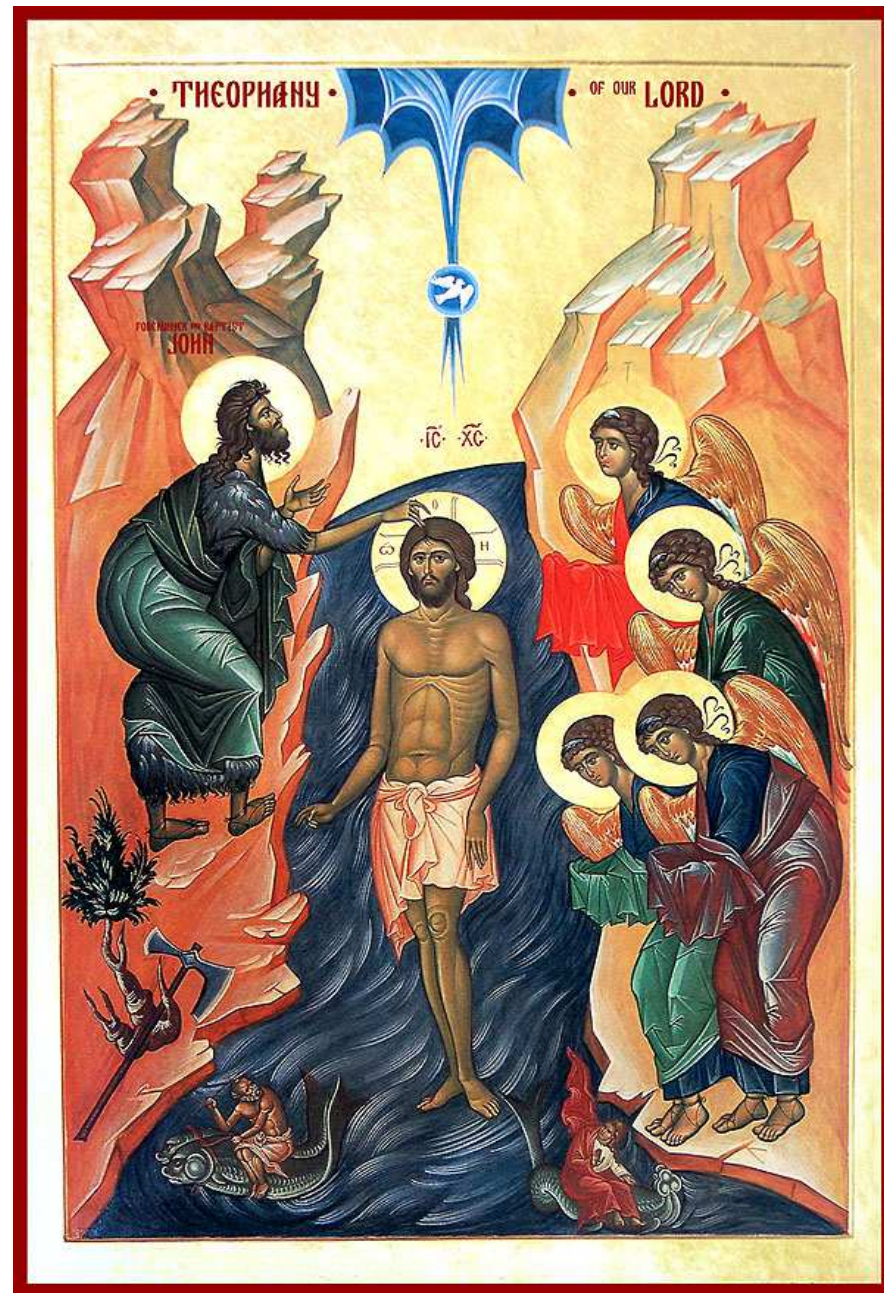


How could our Lord not grant His graces to the one who asks for them from his heart, when He confers so many graces on those who don't even call on Him? Ah, He would not encourage and even force us to pray to Him if He did not wish to give us His graces."

St. John Chrysostom



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TONE 7

JANUARY 6, 2019

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR** **JESUS CHRIST**

Ven. Macarius of Mt. Athos

“Today, the Trinity, which alone is divine, reveals Itself to us in its unique, overflowing goodness. The Father speaks from the heavens as the Son is baptized, and the Holy Spirit, too, makes His presence felt. And we who perceive all this by faith, cry out together: Glory to You for revealing Yourself to us, O our God.”

Troparion, Tone IV

SYNAXIS FOR THE BAPTIZER, JOHN. SECOND DAY OF THE FEAST

Monday, January 7

“The Jordan is terrified by Your presence and turns back in fear, while John is overcome with awe as he fulfills his prophetic ministry, and all the powers of heaven are amazed to see You baptized in that stream. Those who languish in the dark are filled with a great light, and with one accord they sing Your praises, for You reveal Yourself to the world this day, and fill all things with light.”

Kondakion, Tone VI

TODAY'S EPISTLE: TITUS 2:11-14; 3:4-7

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, January 6

Saturday, January 12

Blessing of Waters; Blessing of Church and Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 7

(Forerunner)

Tuesday, January 8

Wednesday, January 9

Thursday, January 10

Friday, January 11

(St. Theodosius)

Saturday, January 12

II Timothy 2:20-26

Acts 19:1-8

II Timothy 3:16-4:4

II Timothy 4:9-22

Titus 1:5-2:1

Titus 1:15-2:10

II Corinthians 4:6-15

Ephesians 6:10-17

Ephesians 1:16-23

Luke 19:37-44

John 1:29-34

Luke 19:45-48

Luke 20:1-8

Luke 20:9-18

Luke 20:19-26

Matthew 11:27-30

Matthew 4:1-11

Luke 12:32-40

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COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 13, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
- 14, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 20, Sunday Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner
- 28, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House of Hospitality
- 30, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House

<p><u>2019 HOUSE BLESSINGS:</u> There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like Father Alexander to bless your home during the season of Theophany.</p> <p><u>HOLY WATER:</u> The water that is blessed today will remain in the vestibule for the next few weeks; please feel free to take some home for your personal use.</p> <p><u>PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER:</u> Tickets are now available for the Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, January 20. The dinner will include dessert and a glass of wine or beer. See Jewelann Stefanar in the Fellowship Hall today.</p> <p><u>MEMORIAL PRAYERS:</u> We will have a Memorial Service for Tom Bohurjak, next Sunday, January 13, at 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p><u>SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:</u> Please remember our monthly food sale, which will be held next week. Cook or bake some winter-weather family favorites to donate.</p> <p><u>ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:</u> The Book Circle will meet Monday, January 14, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading <u>Wounded by Love: The Life and the Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios</u>. Please read Part I, pages 1-82. Books are available at La Coupole.</p> <p><u>2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES:</u> Envelope boxes are available in the Fellowship Hall.</p> <p><u>TRINITARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers are offered by Sandy Shea-Workman.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The flowers today are offered anonymously.</p>
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COFFEE HOUR:

Coffee Hour is a regular and much-appreciated gathering after our Sunday Divine Liturgies. Our parish's practice is for individuals, families or groups of parishioners to take turns — by purchasing or preparing items to be offered with coffee and other beverages. Coffee Hour organizers can repay themselves for items purchased or make a donation, for which they are credited. Proceeds from Coffee Hour go to the parish's General Fund.

The success of Coffee Hour depends on parishioners' willingness to commit on the Sign-up Sheet, which is in the Hall kitchen. To keep it consistent and seamless, it is important to sign up ahead of time, for which purpose we will be printing the current signees and open dates in "The Trinitarian." As you may want to reserve a Sunday to commemorate an anniversary or special event, please check the future dates on the Sign-up Sheet.

We have openings for January 27, and February 24.

Thank you to our donors: December 30 - the Babich Family; January 6 - the Oetama-Paul Family

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, DECEMBER 30	\$ 4127.00
CHILDREN'S COLLECTION	1.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	425.00
BUILDING FUND	72.00
MORTGAGE FUND	67.00
CANDLES	125.00

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JORDAN RIVER

“The waters of creation, darkened and polluted by the fall, which had become the symbol of death and demonic oppression, now are revealed as the waters of Jordan, as the beginning of re-creation and salvation.”

(Fr. Alexander Schmemmann)

God created mountains for visions,
Oceans to beckon and seek beyond shores,
Gardens for pleasure, valleys for peace,
Heavens for pondering things to explore.

Rivers were made to make all things pure,
As boundaries to caution and mark limitations,
Filled with both fish and promise of gold,
Refreshing with joy, fount of sensation.

Everything needed was given by God,
Freedom also a gift and condition
For man to enjoy, to worship and love,
To learn to control not deform by volition.

But man had to add by discovering fire,
Wheels for adventure, weapons and gear,
Pulleys and engines, wagons and ships,
Things that make noise but only cause fear.

Thus it did go, and would go forever,
A darkness that many mistook to be light,
Why struggle, why work, why try to be good?
Life is but nothing when anything's right.

At the Jordan a man led our last stand,
Against envy, greed, anger and lust,
Preaching hymn-like, direct with conviction,
Of conscience, forgiveness, and trust.

After his message another One came,
A Priest and a Prophet, a King for the ages,
He entered the waters, a white dove appeared,
Fulfilling the hopes of all children and sages.

So never forget now why rivers were made,
Water from mountains that soften the heart,
Cleansing with quiet, discerning with light,
Like the bush that is burning unmasking the dark.

Not dust particles in wet winter's whirl,
We are born and reborn as rivers unfold,
Our ending, a process that never ends,
Your story and mine are truthfully told.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus