

## Baptism

An Excerpt from What the Holy Fathers Say About...Volume 2

### A Scriptural Exhortation:

*Galatians 3:26-29*

*For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

### Baptismal Prayer:

*God, O God of truth, Creator of the universe and Lord of all creation, richly endow your servants with Your blessing. Make us share in the angelic powers so that henceforth he, who has had a part in Your Divine and profitable grace, may be no longer "flesh" but "spirit." Keep us to the very end, for Yourself, O Creator of all things, through Your Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him, glory to You and power, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.*

~Serapion, Bishop of Thumis, 4th Century

### To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

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Commemoration of: Gregory of Nyssa; Dometian, Bishop of Melitene

### Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

*En Iorthani vaptizomenu* (Feast of Epiphany) Tone 1

*As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.*

*Angelike thinamis* (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 6

*When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, and those who guarded it became still as dead, and standing by Your grave was Mary seeking Your most pure and sacred Body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin (woman), bestowing the gift of life. You who have risen from the dead, Lord glory to You.*

*En Iorthani vaptizomenu* (Feast of Epiphany) Tone 1

*Tu Stavru Su* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8  
*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.*

Kontakion Tone 4

*Epefanis simeron*

*You appeared today to us \* on earth, O Master, \* and Your light was signed on us \* who cry aloud to You and say \* with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable. (AgesInitiatives.com)*

Epistle Reading Ephesians 4:7-13

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:12-17

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan,

Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### Activities & Announcements

Today

- ✘ SUN, 1/10– *Sunday after Theophany; Sunday School Meeting via Google Meet 3 p.m.; Practice for General Assembly via Zoom 4 p.m.*

This Coming Week

- ✘ WED, 1/13– *Young Adult Fellowship via Zoom on "The Fruit of the Spirit– Joy" Session 3– 7 p.m.*
- ✘ THU, 1/14– *Prayer Ministry 11 a.m.; Parish Council Meeting via Zoom 5:30 p.m.; Last Day to Register for Parish General Assembly, which will be held on January 17 via Zoom 1 p.m. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/cGGXPZEzNGHnJJpX9>*
- ✘ SAT, 1/16– *Great Vespers via Zoom 5:30 p.m.*
- ✘ SUN, 1/17– *12th Sunday of Luke/St. Anthony the Great; General Assembly via Zoom 1 p.m.*

