

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.*

Ss Constantine & Helen

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January 13, 2019

Sunday after Epiphany

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Commemoration of: Hermylos & Stratonikos; Maximos the Righteous

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. (AgesInitiatives.com)

Ex ipsus katilthes (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 8

Descending from on High, o merciful One, did You for three days burial endure, that we may be delivered from sufferings, You are our life and resurrection, 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 1/13– Sunday after Epiphany; Memorial for Mary Malick & Family; Parish Council Oath of Office & Election of Officers (internal); Vasilopita Celebration

This Coming Week

TUE 1/15– Bible Study on Gospel of Mark 5 to 6:30 p.m.

THU 1/17– Feast Day of St. Anthony: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Liturgy 9:30 a.m.; Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

FRI 1/18– Study Byzantine Chant 1:30 to 3 p.m.; Soteropoulos/Lloyd Wedding Rehearsal 3 p.m.

SAT 1/19– Petinos/Meintanis Wedding 12 p.m.; Soteropoulos/Lloyd Wedding 3 p.m.

No Vespers this evening

SUN 1/20– 12th Sunday of Luke;

Announcements

- ✦ **Parish Council Oath of Office and Election of Officers**– Today, January 13, 2019 (Ratification from the Metropolis received on)
- ✦ **FDF Fundraiser Glendi for Dance Group**– Saturday, January 26, 2019, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Dinner and Entertainment in Church Hall. For tickets, contact Dianna Graves or any dancer.
- ✦ **2019 Stewardship Forms & Envelopes**– If you did not receive your new Stewards Packet in the mail, please let Sarah Cleopatra Kritikos know, and she will provide one. Steward Envelopes will be distributed once Cleo receives your completed forms.
- ✦ The 2019 Ecclesiastical Calendar are here! Please pick yours up in the Narthex. Mahalo to Tom Sofos for underwriting the printing of our calendars again this year!

