

**FEAST OF EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY) January 6th**  
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“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”  
– **Galatians 3:27**

On January 6th, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. This day commemorates the Baptism of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus comes to the Jordan River and is baptized by St. John the Forerunner.

Also known as Theophany, this feast is important for all Orthodox Christians because the Holy Trinity is present. As Jesus was being baptized, God the Father proclaims to the masses: “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”

Also, the Holy Spirit is present at Jesus’ Baptism as a dove. The Baptism of our Lord is also significant to us because it is this day that Jesus is presented to all as the Son of God and His ministry is made known to the world!

Here are some questions to discuss and reflect on about this important feast day:

- 1) The Holy Trinity was revealed the day of Epiphany, Jesus’ Baptism. In what ways is God revealed to us in our daily lives?
- 2) “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” What does this Scriptural quotation from Galatians mean to you? What does it mean to have “put on Christ?”
- 3) In what ways can you share the Feast of Epiphany with others? In other words, how can you reveal God to those who love us AND those who hate us?
- 4) What challenges do we face that make it difficult for us to share God with others?
- 5) What challenges do we face that make it difficult for us to LIVE a life in Christ?

### **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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Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific



January 6, 2019

Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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Commemoration of: Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;  
Theophan the Recluse

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)

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 Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

TITUS, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:14-17

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

#### Activities & Announcements

Today

SUN 1/6– Holy Epiphany; Epiphany Celebrations;

This Coming Week

MON, 1/7– Synaxis of St. John the Baptist: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

TUE 1/8– Bible Study on Gospel of Mark 5 to 6:30 p.m.

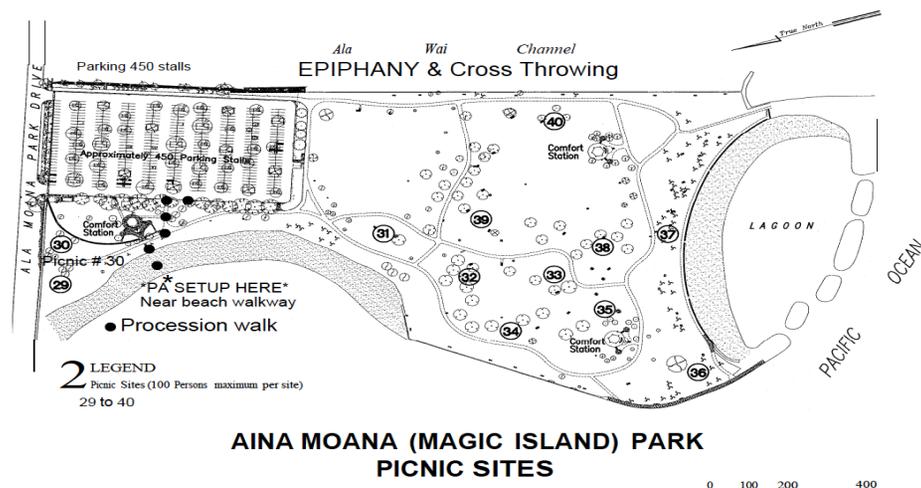
FRI, 1/11– Catechism 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Study Byzantine Chant 1:30 to 3 p.m.

SAT, 1/12– Lozynskyy Baptism 10:30 a.m.

SUN 1/13– Leave-taking of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Memorial for Mary Malick (1 Year) and Family; Parish Council Oath of Office; Vasilopita Celebration

#### Announcements

- ✦ **Epiphany Celebration & Cross Throwing** - Today: Light lunch at Church followed by excursion to Magic Island for Cross Throwing. Men and boys 40 and under are encouraged to dive for the Cross. Also any of the children in our community may also participate in diving for the Cross. Please meet in the corner of the parking lot at Ala Moana Park Drive and Ala Wai Channel for the Procession and stay afterwards for a group photo. (See map posted below and upstairs on bulletin board.)



AINA MOANA (MAGIC ISLAND) PARK  
PICNIC SITES

- ✦ **2019 Calendars Available**– Please remember to pick up your complimentary 2019 ecclesiastical calendar at the narthex.