

# Holy Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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### **Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

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## The First Antiphon

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou didst flee? Thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

## The Second Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication.

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia.

Because He inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord.

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord; our God is merciful.

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia.

## The Third Antiphon

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

(Troparion of the Feast - see below)

## Entrance Verse

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord; God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us. (Ps. 117/118:26, 27)

### **Tone 1      Troparion of the Feast**

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.

### **Tone 4      Kontakion of the Feast**

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.

### **Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:**

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

### **Tone 4      Prokeimenon**

~~Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (Ps 117:26:27)

~~O give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. (Ps 117:1)

## **Epistle Lesson for Today: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## **Epistle Lesson for Today: 1 Corinthians 10:1-4**

(Great Blessing of Waters)

Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

## **Alleluia Verses**

**Tone 4** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

~~Bring to the Lord, O ye sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams. (Ps 28:1)

~~The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters. (Ps 28:3)

## **Gospel Lesson for Today: Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

## **Gospel Lesson for Today: Mark 1:9-11**

(Great Blessing of Waters)

It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

## **Communion Hymns**

~~The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. (Titus 2:11)

~~Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **Hymn to the Theotokos**

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.

## **Flowers to Adorn the Icon of the Theophany of Our Lord**

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz, Offered by Pat & Joan