Sunday, January 8, 2023

Sunday after Theophany
+ St. Domnica of Constantinople

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Eighth (John 20:11-18)

Mode of the Week: Plagal First/Πλ. του Πρώτου

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!
Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones. (Ps. 32)

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.

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."
Today our Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ After-feast of Theophany (Epiphany)
+ The Intercession of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.


- **Hymn of Theophany (Ev Iopàv, 1st Mode):**
  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. (sung before the Small Entrance and after the Resurrectional Hymn)

- **Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Tov ovuivàvov Aòvov, Majal 1st Mode):**
  Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * man who was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died. * by His glorious Resurrection. (sung after the Small Entrance)

- **Hymn of the Holy Cross (Sývovòv Kûpà, 1st Mode):**
  Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Cross. (Grek+English)

- **The Kontakion of Theophany (Eúkriyvàv ómìròv, 4th Mode):**
  You appeared today to us * on earth, O Master, * * You are the Light who 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.

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

**This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:**

- **Sunday (1/8—No Fasting):**
  John 20:11-18; Colossians 4:2-7; Matthew 4:12-17
  Monday (1/9—No Fasting): II Timothy 2:1-10; Mark 1:19-25
  Thursday (1/12—No Fasting): Acts 18:22-28; John 10:39-42

**Prayer Requests:**

- Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Eve, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgios, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Irene, Valerie, Marina, Alexi, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Emmanuel, Mary, Adrienne, Kay, Helen, Nikki

**Prayers for those recently reposed:**

- Janace (+December 12), Cynthia (+December 25), Sharon (+December 28)

**Prayers for expecting mothers:**

- Aubriana Butkho, Sara Nilton, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahios, Aleksander Zajac

**Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:**

- Nate, Chad, Charlotte, Alexander, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

**Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:**

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