

The Theophany of the Lord

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord. God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine “those who sat in darkness,” and “in the region of the shadow of death”, and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast.

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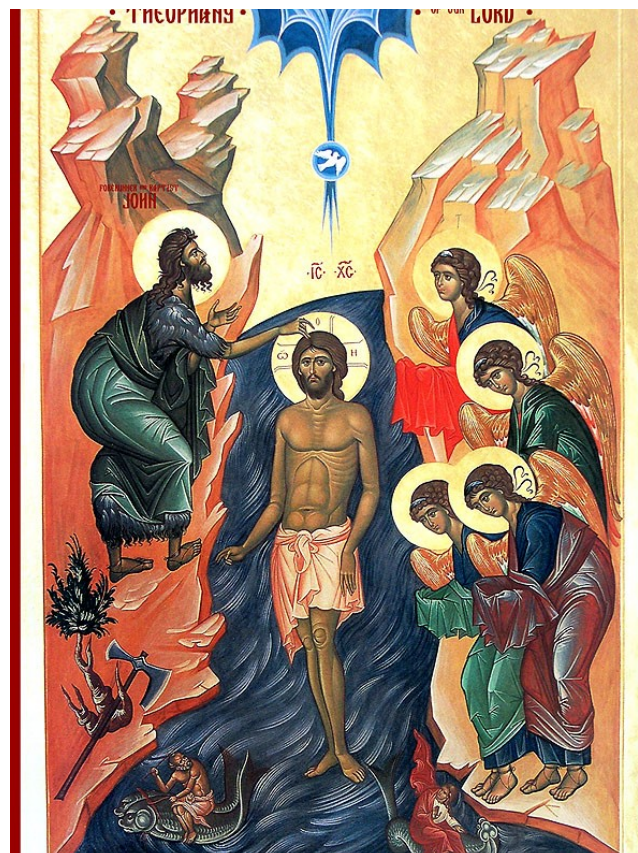
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Readings

Epistle Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 ; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

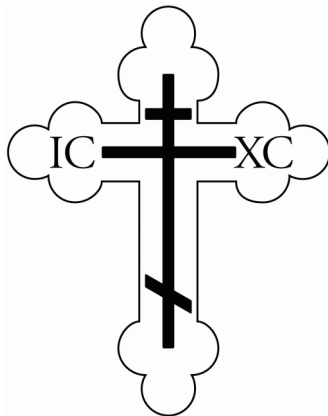
Gospel Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11

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.



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, January 6th - *Theophany*

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of the Waters at North Beach
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

Monday, January 7th - *Synaxis of St. John the Baptist*

- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers for St. Dominica

Wednesday, January 9th - *Martyr Polyeuctis*

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and Books
- 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, January 10th - *St Gregory of Nyssa*

- 6:00 PM - Greek Class

Saturday, January 12th - *Martyr Tatiana of Rome*

- 6:30 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers