



## SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

SUNDAY, 10 JANUARY 2021

AFTER-FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM



**PASTOR:** Father Mark Sahady

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## BULLETIN PART ONE – WORHSIP

### • The “Glory” hymns at the end of Matins:

#### THE NINTH EOTHINON DOXASTICON IN TONE FIVE

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

In the fullness of time, O Christ, thou didst appear among Thy beloved ones on the eve of the Sabbath, and didst confirm to them a wonder through a wonder, namely Thy Resurrection from the dead by Thine entrance while the doors were closed. But Thou didst fill the Disciples with joy, granting them the Holy Spirit, and didst bestow on them power to forgive sins. And as for Thomas, Thou didst not permit him to drown in the depths of faithlessness. Wherefore, grant us the knowledge of the truth, and forgiveness of sins, O compassionate Lord.

*Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who is thus well pleased, glory to Thee.

### • The Divine Liturgy Hymns of the Day:

#### THE FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion.

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

The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back? (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

#### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized in the Jordan by John; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord. (**Refrain**)

Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

#### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

- *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon above, chant the Apolytikion of Theophany on the next page.*

## **APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

• *Then, the following:*

### **THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

• *After the Little Entrance Hymn above, chant the apolytikia in the following order:*

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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### **APOLYTIKION OF SAINT GEORGE IN TONE FOUR**

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

### **KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR**

On this day Thou hast appeared \* unto the whole world, \* and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, \* is signed on us who sing Thy praise \* and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, \* Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

• **The Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:**

### **THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)**

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** 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.

**Clergy:** Peace be to thee, who readest.

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Choir:** *Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever." Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.*

**All:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)**

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)**

At that time, when 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 Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon 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."

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**Prayer List:** Mary Miller & Family; Sarah Sanders; Andrea Schaefer & baby; John Ulrey, Lisa Haller & Family; Frontline Healthcare Workers; Corona Virus Sufferers.

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**COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DAY**

Our fathers among the saints Gregory, bishop of Nyssa; Marcian the priest of Constantinople; Dometian, bishop of Melitene; Venerable Paul of Obnora and Makarios of Pisma; and Bishop Theophan the Recluse

<b>OFFERING SCHEDULE</b>	<b>Holy Bread</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b>
<b>Sunday, January 10</b>	Beverly Malooley	Open
<b>Sunday, January 17</b>	Mike & Ruth Baum Fr Patrick Kinder 1 Year Memorial Bill Miller 40 Day Memorial	Mike Baum
<b>Sunday, January 24</b>	Open	Open
<b>Sunday, January 31</b>	Kapetaneas Family Joanne Ulrey 40 Day Memorial	Open

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS** - *Notify Father of missing info!*

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| Jan. 3 – Bob Abraham       | Jan. 14 – Angelo Fousekas     |
| Jan. 9 – Efy Trilikis      | Jan. 16 – Nicholas Leonard    |
| Jan. 10 – David Kaleel     | Jan. 22 – Alan Harshman       |
| Jan. 11 – Mitch Kaleel     | Jan. 23 – Sally Favia         |
| Jan. 11 – Judy Abraham     | Jan. 24 – Christopher Leonard |
| Jan. 13 – Freda Kapetaneas | Jan. 31 – Wayne Sanders       |

## UPCOMING SERVICES

All on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy\\_\\_6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA)

Jan 9 Sat, 5 pm Vespers

Jan 10 Sun, 8:45 am Orthros, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Jan 13 Wed, 7 pm Bible Study – [Gospel of Mark, On Zoom](#)

Jan 14 Thu, 7 pm Chant Class – [Tone 7, On Zoom](#)

Jan 16 Sat, 5 pm Vespers

Jan 17 Sun, 8:45 am Orthros, 10 am Divine Liturgy

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## BULLETIN PART TWO – ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2021 Calendars** are now available at Church - Thank you to Barto Funeral Home

**Bottles of Holy Water** are available at Church

**Contact Fr Mark to Schedule your Home Blessing**

**A special collection will be next week the 17<sup>th</sup> for NAC SOYO's Special Olympics**

Jan 10, Sun, 11:30 am – Women's Meeting

Jan 14, Thu, 10:30 am – Membership Committee Meeting

Jan 16, Sat, 10 am – Clean Kitchen

Jan 17, Sun, 11:30 am – Parish Council Meeting

Jan 24, Sun, 11:30 am – Parish Annual Meeting

Jan 31, Sun, 11:30 am – Baby Shower for Andrea Schaefer

The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. (*At Church, [On Zoom](#), By Phone*)

The two Council nominees are George Nimee and Markella Fousekas.

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## BULLETIN PART THREE - GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

### Time

Our time begins at birth and ends on this earth with death. For most, it is about 25,000 days. Our time is precious and cannot be stored up like grain in a barn. Once a moment passes it is gone forever. God wants all of us to reach heaven – to be with God; that is why He created us and why He sent us Jesus. Our life on earth is a pilgrimage toward heaven. Each day, each week, each month and each year we must be progressive on our pilgrimage. We cannot do this unless we give some time to God.

- Through daily prayer we develop a close personal relationship with God, sharing with Him our successes and failures, and asking for His guidance in our daily lives as we become the Body of Christ through weekly worship as a community.
- Reading Scripture daily helps us reflect on God's Word to us and its application in our daily lives. It also tells of God's great love for us.
- Assisting individuals and ministries in the Church & Community is another way to share our personal time to the glory of God. We also show our love for Him by letting Christ use our feet, our hands, our eyes and our voice.

**Your gift of time is unique, because you are the only one who can give it.**

## Talent

All of us have special talents or gifts, which are a sign of the power and majesty of God, who can do all things. These talents and gifts are not given to us just for our own use, but are given to us for the enrichment of the lives of others, so that we can serve God better, so we can build up the ministries of the Church to its people and bring unity in the Body of Christ. "Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others." (1 Peter 4:10) All of Christ's works need to be done in our parish and community by you. You make Christ physically present in our parish when you:

- Visit the sick and elderly
- Feed the hungry
- Teach those who want to learn
- Console the lonely and sorrowful
- Pray for Church growth, bring a friend and give a kind word to all.

Christ depends upon each one of us to do His Works of Mercy in His name. That makes us co-workers with Christ in His Holy Works of Redemption. What a privilege!

**Your gift of talent is a special gift only you can give.**

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## Treasure

Proverbs 3: 9, "Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce ..." With a cheerful spirit and a loving heart, consider the possibility of changing the method you use to determine how much to give to the church. Consider your pledge an offering in thanksgiving for God's love & Gifts. Give knowing that this shows that we truly love and appreciate the faith He has placed in us, His children. Consider changing the method you and your family uses to determine how much to give. Is the amount you gave this year simply a repeat of the amount you gave last year? Is the amount of your offering a reflection of what the parish says is the "fair share" expected from each pledging unit? Consider a formula for giving that would result in raising the level of offering. At your job, are you paid by the hour? If so, consider making your weekly offering to the church the equivalent of one hour's pay. If you are paid a weekly or monthly salary, divide this amount by the number of hours you typically work. Make this hourly calculation your weekly offering. Another approach might be to take your monthly income and pledge to give a percentage as your offering. Scripture points out two ways to show our gratitude to God for his material gifts to us.

- First, because God is the Giver, a percentage of what is received is to be returned to Him as an act of gratitude. Scripture expects people to give at least a tithe - meaning 10 percent. This practice is mentioned 39 times in the Old Testament & 11 times in the New Testament, so it is God's will that the practice be continued.
- Secondly, there should be some sharing of our money and material goods with those in need in our family, parish, community, diocese and world.

**Your gift of treasure is a direct gift only you can give.**

## **BULLETIN PART FOUR – HOME BLESSINGS**

It is that time of year when home and business blessings are done. Houses are traditionally blessed with Holy Water each year bringing the blessings of the Waters sanctified on the Feast of Theophany, the celebration of our Lord's baptism. It is done at the time of the feast of the Lord's Baptism – reminding us of not only our baptisms, but also of the need of baptizing the world in which we live, including what we might call “my world” – ‘my personal space.’ The priest brings this Water into the home to personally bless each family member by renewing the awareness of God's presence in our homes. Our home is to be a holy place, where we “commend ourselves, each other, and all our lives unto Christ, our God.” Each year we are refreshed and renewed with the holy water of Theophany. By sanctifying our home, we extend the grace of God through our home to the neighbors and all who visit. During the blessing, in the family's icon corner should be a candle. If there is no icon corner, then a table covered with a white cloth set with an icon or cross and a candle, along with a clearly printed list of names of the living and departed of the household. Turn off anything making noise, or distracting. The house blessing should be scheduled when the entire family will be present, if at all possible. The priest will bless all rooms of the house. After the priest is led through the entire house, the family gathers again around the table and the priest blesses each person present. The house blessing also provides an opportunity for the priest to spend dedicated time alone with the family, answering any questions anyone may have or addressing any issues for which he may be of some help or support. According to Orthodox doctrine, holy water has the power to sanctify and heal. Keep the unused holy water in your home icon corner for future use: times of adversity, before starting a new venture or trip, to give thanks, or when someone is ill. You may drink it or anoint yourself when you feel spiritually afflicted. To rid the house of evil spirits, it should be sprinkled on the four sides of each room. We, as Christians, are engaged in a struggle to reclaim fallen nature for the Kingdom of God. We often talk about this in terms of our own salvation, but the Church, addressing all of creation in a wholistic manner, also reaches out and reclaims a bit here and a bit there of creation in general. We do this in order that we might restore the usefulness of creation for working out our own salvation. Hence, we bless anything that might help us in our salvation – and by blessing it we reclaim it for the Kingdom of God. There are few things more vital to our lives than our homes. In our homes we pray, we work, we talk to others, we order our lives, we work out our marriages, etc. What more important place to reclaim for the Kingdom of God. For the most effective working out of our salvation, we must drive the enemy out of our homes, and keep him at bay by our prayers, our righteous life, and the annual sprinkling by Holy Water at Theophany. When an Orthodox Christian believer moves into a new home, he dedicates it not only as the abode of a follower of Christ, but also as a shining example to the community of good clean Christian life. He asks that God, the source of all goodness and the Giver of every perfect gift, bless his

house and all that is within it; he recalls that Jesus Christ, His Son, came to bring Salvation to it, even as He brought Salvation to the house of Zacchaeus, the house of Mary and Martha and Lazarus, and the house of Saint John the Evangelist when He sent his holy Mother to live with him; he prays that the Holy Spirit may abide in it, guiding those who dwell in it in the Paths of righteousness. And he brings into his home holy icons of the Savior and his Mother, and of the saints and of holy events. He brings in candles and incense. On the Feast of the Parish or the Feast of Theophany we rededicate our home for its original purpose, just as we must periodically rededicate our life to Christ. We do it especially on this Feast because this is the day on which we remember in the Church Year the coming of Christ who began His Ministry when He descended into the Jordan River to be Baptized by Saint John the Forerunner and Baptizer. He enters again into our lives reminding us that we must “repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.” An Orthodox Christian must dedicate not only himself and his house to the Lord, but his daily work and all his efforts as well. All things are to be done to the glory of God. That is why in the Orthodox Christian Church, not only religious objects, such as icons, crosses, churches and vestments, are blessed, but also homes, fields, animals, clothing and all objects which are used in our daily lives for the good of man. In this the Church expresses its faith that the Holy Spirit’s sanctifying action extends over the whole Creation. At the Nativity of Our Lord, we sing a carol which tells us ‘Let every heart prepare Him room.’ We know that this means not only to ‘make a space for’ but it means to clean and cleanse and purify our homes and get ready for Him to come to us, not only in our homes but also, and more especially, into our hearts. We prepare our hearts and souls and heads, cleaning them of all sinfulness so that when He comes, the place will be refreshed and ready. When someone comes to stay in your guest room, we normally air the room out, dust it and change the bed linens which may have become somewhat musty. We might even wash the windows to let the light shine in, clean the floor, and make room by shoving all the ‘stuff’ into closets or under the bed. We know then that cleaning the house of our soul is equally hard work – we take stock of our lives and actions over the past year, come to confession so that Our Lord – who washes away our sins when we confess them – when He comes in to our hearts, has a refreshed and clean place worthy of laying His head – He comes to abide in us as well as our homes! ‘Prepare Him room’ means also to fix and repair everything that is broken in the house. We should ask each other if there is anything which is causing us to hold a grudge or to refuse to speak with someone, such as arguments, disagreements, fights, physical and verbal abuse which poison the spiritual atmosphere. This is because the blessings of our homes are the re-dedication of our family and household to the Lord. We must recognize that all we have and all that we will ever have comes from the Lord, and we pass this along to our children, when we go through the house cleaning prior to its blessing. Blessing the home is a spiritual ‘exercise’ led by the Lord Himself, practiced by the whole family, who all enter into worship of and thanksgiving to God together.