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:: St. John Chrysostom on the Baptism of our Lord ::

Wherefore also the Spirit did descend as a dove: because where there is reconciliation with God—there also is the dove. So also in the ark of Noah the dove did bring the branch of olive—a sign of God’s love of mankind and of the cessation of the flood. And now in the form of a dove, and not in a body—this particularly deserves to be noted—the Spirit descended, announcing the universal mercy of God and showing with it, that the spiritual man needs to be gentle, simple and innocent, as Christ also says: “Except ye be converted and become as children, ye shalt not enter into the Heavenly Kingdom” (Mt 18:3). But that ark, after the cessation of the flood, remained upon the earth; this ark, after the cessation of wrath, is taken to heaven, and now this Immaculate and Imperishable Body is situated at the right hand of the Father.

Hymns for the Feast of Theophany

O Jordan River, why wast thou astonished at beholding the Invisible naked? And he answereth, saying, I beheld Him and trembled; for how shall I not tremble and fear, when the angels trembled at sight of Him, heaven was astounded, earth was encompassed by trepidation, and the sea was bashful, with all things visible and invisible; for Christ hath appeared in the Jordan to bless the waters.

He that encompasseth the heavens with clouds putteth on today the courses of the Jordan; and He that lifteth the sin of the world, cleanseth and purifieth me. Yea, the Spirit hath testified of Him from on high that He is the only Son of the Father on high. Let us, therefore, shout to Him, crying, O Thou Who didst appear and save us, glory to Thee.

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Sunday, January 8 — Sunday After Theophany

Matins Gospel Reading: John 20:11–18

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for Theophany (Tone 1)

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 form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, who hath revealed Thyself and hath enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card at the greeter’s stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch and Sunday School following this morning’s service.

Kontakion for Theophany (Tone 4)

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been signed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4)

Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon: Psalm 33

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

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7–13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12–17

Megalynarion:

It is truly meet, truly meet to bless thee O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all blameless Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and more glorious beyond all measure than the Seraphim, thou who without stain, thou who without stain, barest God the Word and art Truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

Koinonikon:

Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Epistle Reader: Sd. Joseph

Prospora: Anne B.

Flowers: Church (for Theophany)

Greeter: Nancy L. and Sophie E.

Brunch: Ri–Z

Coffee: Sasha and Rebecca G.

Clean-up Captain: Christina S.

This Week at All Saints

Monday, Jan. 9: **Parish Council Meeting**, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 11: **Vespers**, 7:30 PM

Saturday, Jan. 14: **Vespers**, 7:30 PM

Next Sunday, January 15 – Twenty-ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Epistle Reader: Joseph L. (Colossians 3:4–11)

Prospora: Holly E.

Flowers: Becca W.

Greeter: Phil L.

Brunch: A–Ge

Coffee: Robert H. and Grace M.

Clean-up Captain: Octavian F.

News and Upcoming Events

Please note the slight change to brunch groups beginning this month! And please remember to bring food on your Sunday!

Once again, the season for house blessings has begun. For those of you who may be new to this custom, the Orthodox Church recommends that each home be blessed by a priest with prayer and holy water each year. Please contact Fr. Patrick or Fr. Andrew at your convenience to arrange for a priest to come and bless your home. Nothing elaborate is required, and even a meal is not necessary. We will bless homes between now and the start of Lent (February 26), and we will resume again after Pascha (April 15). Please see either priest if you have any questions about this.

Teen SOYO will gather for an afternoon retreat on Saturday, January 14, beginning at 4:00 PM in the Church basement. Fr. Andrew will lead the session with the teen group, and we will enjoy food for thought with one another and food for dinner as well! Dinner will be provided, but please bring snacks. The mini-retreat will be followed by Vespers at 7:30. **Please RSVP to Liz Walter.**

*Please join us for **Children's Sunday School** and **Adult Bible Class** after the dismissal.*

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