

Synaxis of John the Baptist

Today we celebrate the Synaxis in honour of the most sacred Forerunner, since he ministered at the Mystery of the Divine Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rest from labour. Fish allowed.

Domnica the Righteous of Constantinople

Saint Domnica was from Carthage. During the reign of the Emperor Theodosius the Great, she came with four other virgins to Constantinople, where she was baptized by Nectarius, the Patriarch of Constantinople. She remained in Constantinople and became known for her extreme asceticism, the miracles that she worked, and the grace of prophecy that adorned her. She lived until the days of the Emperors Leo and Zeno, reposing in peace about the year 474.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Orthros at 8:45 a.m. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Coffee Hour will follow Divine Liturgy

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January 7, 2018 Synaxis of John the Baptist

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The Second Antiphon

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Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Only begotten Son and Word of God, though immortal for our salvation You deigned to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary, without change becoming man, and were crucified Christ our God, trampling death by death; being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and Holy Spirit: save us.

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

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When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.

The Small Entrance

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Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, to You we sing: Alleluia.

Holy Trinity Dismissal Hymn

Ev-lo-gi-tos i Chri-ste o The-os i-mon, o pan-so-fus tus a-li-is a-na-thi-xas, ka-ta-pem-psas af-tis to pnev-ma to a-gi-on, ke thi af-ton tin i-ku-me-nin sa-gi-nef-sas, fi-lan-thro-pe tho-xa Si!

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You made the fishermen all-wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

Kontakion

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.

Hymn

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Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

The Readings

Epistle: II Timothy 4:5-8

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

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At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians prepared to receive Holy Communion should come forward, quietly and reverently, at the direction of the ushers.

Prayers of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion can be found on pages 40-42.

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Hymn: Blessed be the name of the Lord, from now and to the ages.

CHILDREN'S WORD:

SAINT THEOPHAN: THE RECLUSE

You've heard of the scary Brown Recluse spider, haven't you? It's a poisonous spider that likes to be left alone. Nobody likes those, but recluses can be good, too! This week we'll celebrate the feastday of Saint Theophan the Recluse. He's named after Theophany, the feastday we celebrated yesterday.

St. Theophan was a Russian saint who spent the last 20 years of his life all by himself, not talking or visiting almost anybody!

But what did St. Theophan do when he was all by himself? Mostly, he prayed! He wrote books too, so that he could help people who needed advice. St. Theophan taught many people how to do what St. Paul told us to do. St. Paul told us to "pray without stopping." St. Theophan wrote about how we can do that!

What do YOU do when you are all by yourself? Watch TV? Play on the computer? We read about the saints so that we can be like them. Can you try to be like St. Theophan sometimes, too? When you are alone, take some time to pray, to ask God to help you, your family, your friends, and even your enemies!

We celebrate St. Theophan on Wednesday, January 10th.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Tuesday, January 9 7:30 AM—Breakfast Fellowship
11:00 AM—Adult Fellowship
5:30 PM—Parish Council

Wednesday, January 10 No Paraclesis

Thursday, January 11 6:00 PM—Adult Choir

Saturday, January 13 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
NO Great Vespers

Sunday, January 14 Sunday after Theophany
8:45 AM—Orthros
10:00 AM—Divine Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Philoptochos will be passing a second tray to benefit the St. Basil Academy. St. Basil Academy is the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need. The academy provides a loving Christian environment where resident children are nurtured to adulthood. To find out how the Philoptochos played an important role in its beginnings and in its continued support visit their web site, www.stbasil.goarc.org.
- The Philoptochos will get together this **Tuesday night, January 9** at Zesto in Triangle City, West Columbia at 6:00 pm for dinner. We hope all women of the church will be able to attend. If you have any questions or need a ride, contact Elizabeth Render at 783-8826.
- *Please return your Pledge Card to the church office as soon as possible. Thank You!*
- The deadline to submit information for the February newsletter is January 15th.
- **On Wednesday, January 24**, PAALS will give a presentation at 6:30 PM, in our community center. PAALS, which stands for Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services, is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization training animals to assist people with many kinds of disabilities including social/emotional ones and PTSD. We invite you all to come to this presentation which is sponsored by our Daughters of Penelope Chapter.

PANGARI/GREETER SCHEDULE

Next Week:
January 14—George Mavroftas, In Charge
Evan Hobbs, Greeter

January 21—Evan Hobbs, In Charge
Mike Psillos, Greeter
January 28—Mike Psillos, In Charge
Maria Bates, Greeter