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LEAVE-TAKING OF & SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

*HOLY FATHERS SLAIN AT SINAI AND RAITHU • VIRGIN-MARTYR AGNES
VENERABLE THEODOULOS, SON OF NEILOS THE WISE OF SINAI
NINA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES AND ENLIGHTENER OF GEORGIA
SABBAS, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA*



Excavations of 1st-century homes in Capernaum, by the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus began His ministry.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

FIRST ANTIPHON (PSALM 113.1, 2, 3, 5 LXX)

When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

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

Judah was His sanctuary, and Israel His dominion. **Refrain**

The sea saw it and fled: Jordan was driven back. **Refrain**

What aileth thee, O Sea, that thou fleest? O Jordan, that thou turnest back? **Refrain**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Refrain**

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays:	Matins, 8:50 AM	Confession:	After Saturday Vespers
	Divine Liturgy, 10 AM		During Sunday Matins
Wednesdays:	Vespers, 6:30 PM		Or by Appointment
Saturdays:	Great Vespers, 5 PM		



See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared with prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

SECOND ANTIPHON (PSALM 114.1, 2, 3, 5 LXX)

I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

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

He has inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live. **Refrain**

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hades took hold of me: I found trouble and sorrow, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. **Refrain**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, and our God is Merciful. **Refrain**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. O only-begotten Son....

THIRD ANTIPHON (PSALM 117.1, 2, 3, 4 LXX): TROPARION OF THEOPHANY AS REFRAIN (TONE 1)

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Refrain: When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was 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 hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Let the house of Israel now confess that He is Good: for His mercy endureth forever. **Refrain**

Let the house of Aaron now confess that He is Good: for His mercy endureth forever. **Refrain**

Let them that fear the Lord now confess that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. **Refrain**

ENTRANCE HYMN

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing

women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion of the Theophany (Tone 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was 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 an enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. George (Tone 4; Russian)

As Deliverer of captives and Defender of the poor, Healer of the infirm, Champion of kings, victorious Great-Martyr George,

intercede with Christ, our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion of the Theophany (Tone 4)

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 LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 32.22, 1 LXX; Tone 1)

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4.7-13; Sunday after Theophany)

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.

Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4.12-17; Sunday after Theophany)

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."

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST (TONE 2)

Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable than the hosts on high, the most pure Virgin Theotokos. O most pure Bride, O blessed Mother, the wonders of thy birthgiving pass all understanding. Through thee we have obtained salvation in all things, and, as is right and meet, we rejoice before thee, our Benefactor, bearing as gift a song of thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN REFRAIN (TONE 8; FOR THE FEAST; TITUS 2.11)

The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Alleluia.

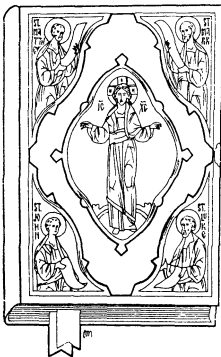
POST-COMMUNION: TROPARION OF THE THEOPHANY (TONE 1)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was 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 an enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

TODAY'S STUDY TOPIC: THE MAGI AND FLIGHT TO EGYPT

All church school classes from first grade on up today will learn about the Wise Men and the Flight into Egypt, found in chapter 2 of St. Matthew's gospel and on pp. 354-59 in *The Golden Children's Bible*.

Dn. James will share the same lesson with adults, at the end of Liturgy.



THE SYNAXARION

On January 14 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we take leave of the Feast of Theophany, and we commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain on Mount Sinai in the reign of Diocletian, and those slain in the days of Neilos the Wise.

Verses

It was swords that have wrought here the many murders,
And the men which suffered were lovers of virtue.
On the fourteenth, bronze killed the Fathers.

In the fourth century, Ammonios, an Egyptian monk, witnessed the first martyrdom. He tells of how the Saracens attacked his monastery and would have killed all the monks, if God had not intervened. A fire appeared on the summit of the peak, and the whole mountain smoked. The barbarians were terrified, and fled, while the surviving monks thanked God for sparing them. The second massacre occurred nearly one hundred years later, and was also recorded by an eyewitness,

St. Neilos the Wise, who miraculously escaped. The attackers permitted some of the monks run for their lives. They also thanked God for sparing them and glorified God for glorifying their departed brethren. On this day, we commemorate the holy Forty Fathers that were slain at Raithu.

Verses

As Rachel once anciently wept for her children,
Now Raithu weepeth for her sword-sundered Fathers.

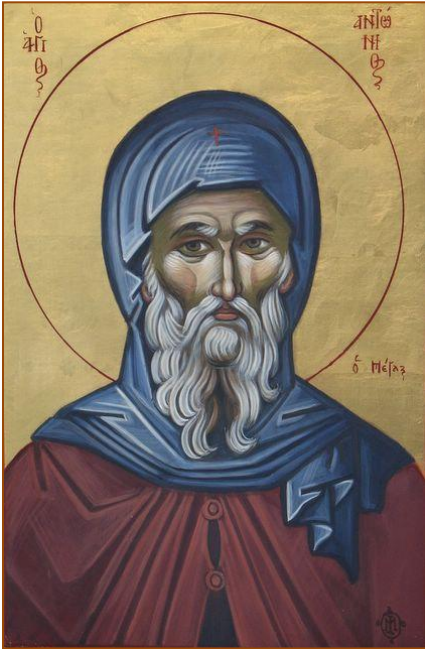
On the same day of the first attack at Sinai, the Blemmyes martyred forty Fathers at Raithu on the shores of the Red Sea. Igumen Paul exhorted his monks to endure their suffering with courage and pure hearts. On January 14, we also commemorate the Virgin-martyr Agnes; Venerable Theodoulos, son of Neilos the Wise; Nina, equal-to-the-Apostles and enlightener of Georgia; and Sabbas, first archbishop of Serbia. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Beware of the spirit of despondency, for it gives birth to every evil. A thousand temptations come from it: agitation, rage, blame, complaint against one's fate, profligate thoughts, constant change of place. The soul then avoids people, believing them to be the cause of its trouble, and does not understand that the cause of the illness is within itself.

St. Seraphim of Sarov
A Spiritual Biography p.47

VENERABLE, GOD-BEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE GREAT



WEDNESDAY MORNING: DIVINE LITURGY

If you can, join us at 10 am for the Feast of St. Anthony the Great.

This is our Bishop Anthony's nameday and birthday.

St. Anthony was born in Egypt in 251. His parents were pious Christians. Anthony was respectful and obedient to them. He loved to attend church services, and he listened to the Holy Scripture so attentively that he remembered what he heard all his life.

At age 20, he had been reflecting on how the faithful in the Acts of the Apostles (4:35) sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles for the needy. Then, he entered the church and heard the Gospel passage where Christ speaks to the rich young man: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess, and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me" (Mt 19:21). Anthony felt that these words applied to him. He sold the property he inherited, distributed the money to the poor and left his sister in the care of pious virgins in a convent.

St. Anthony spent the next 85 years in the desert as the first monk. Before his death, he told the brethren that he would soon be taken from them. He instructed them to preserve the Orthodox Faith in its purity, to avoid any association with heretics, and not to be negligent in their monastic struggles. He admonished them, "Strive to be united first with the Lord, and then with the saints, so that after death they may receive you as familiar friends into the everlasting dwellings."

Please Pick up Announcements as You Exit

In accordance with a directive from Metropolitan Joseph, we are now separating announcements and liturgical material into separate bulletins.

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request of the patient/family.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John
George Nimri, 2/23
Anthony Khal, 2/23
Kenneth George, 2/20
Elias Al Tawil, St. Vincent Hosp., 2/16
Robert Abraham, Carmel Care Rehab., 2/15
Amal Khazal, IU Arnett Hosp., 1/25
George Corey, 1/16
Nicholas Rick Gann, 1/16
Linda Burkett, 2/20
Raouf Hanna, 2/16
Donna Byers, friend of Kathleen Everhart,
 2/10
Alexander Azar I, Alexander II's father, 2/2
Christy Morris, cousin of Thomas Kiritsis, 1/28
All those suffering from illness, violence or
want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Peter Martz, friend of Lisa Thomas, 2/14
Valentina Mereuta, Ludmila Woodward's
 aunt, 2/3
David Mouck, our construction project
 manager, 2/1
Iyad Bannourah, brother of Riyad, Imad and
 Nihad, 1/15
Ragheda Rabie, former parishioner, 1/14
All victims of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

January 2018

Sun. 14	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes
Tue. 16	Parish Council , 7 pm
Wed. 17	Feast of St. Anthony the Great Divine Liturgy , 10 am Vespers , 6:30 pm
Sat. 20	Great Vespers and confessions, 5 pm
Sun. 21	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes • Camper families meeting
Wed. 24	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Thu. 25	Choir practice , 7 pm
Sat. 27	Great Vespers and confessions, 5 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Night: Dinner and Guest Speaker (by Ladies of St. George)
Sun. 28	Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican – Tridion Begins Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes
Tue. 30	Feast of the Three Great Hierarchs Divine Liturgy , 10 am
Wed. 31	Vespers , 6:30 pm

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