

FEAST OF EPIPHANY (THEOPHANY) January 6th
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“For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

– **Galatians 3:27**

On January 6th, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Feast of Epiphany. This day commemorates the Baptism of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus comes to the Jordan River and is baptized by St. John the Forerunner.

Also known as Theophany, this feast is important for all Orthodox Christians because the Holy Trinity is present. As Jesus was being baptized, God the Father proclaims to the masses: “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”

Also, the Holy Spirit is present at Jesus’ Baptism as a dove. The Baptism of our Lord is also significant to us because it is this day that Jesus is presented to all as the Son of God and His ministry is made known to the world!

Here are some questions to discuss and reflect on about this important feast day:

- 1) The Holy Trinity was revealed the day of Epiphany, Jesus’ Baptism. In what ways is God revealed to us in our daily lives?
- 2) “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” What does this Scriptural quotation from Galatians mean to you? What does it mean to have “put on Christ?”
- 3) In what ways can you share the Feast of Epiphany with others? In other words, how can you reveal God to those who love us AND those who hate us?
- 4) What challenges do we face that make it difficult for us to share God with others?
- 5) What challenges do we face that make it difficult for us to LIVE a life in Christ?

To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

Ss Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific



January 8, 2017

Sunday after Epiphany

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Commemoration of: George the Chozebite; Domnica the Righteous of Constantinople; Emilianos the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikos

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

En Iorthani vaptizomenu (Feast of Epiphany) Tone 1

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

To fethron (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 4

En Iorthani vaptizomenu (Feast of Epiphany) Tone 1

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.

Kontakion Tone 4

Epefanis simeron

*You appeared today to us * on earth, O Master, * and Your light was signed on us * who cry aloud to You and say * with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.*

Epistle Reading Ephesians 4:7-13

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.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-17

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

Activities & Announcements

Today

SUN 1/8– Sunday after Epiphany; Parish Council Oath of Office & Election of Officers (internal); Epiphany Celebrations

This Coming Week

THU 1/12– Parish Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

SUN 1/15– 12th Sunday of Luke; 40 day Memorial for Anargyros (Ted) Anastasopoulos

Announcements

- ❖ **Parish Council Oath of Office and Election of Officers**– Today, January 8, 2017 (Ratification from the Metropolis received on 12/20/16)
- ❖ **Epiphany Celebration & Cross Throwing** - Today, January 8, 2017: Pancake Breakfast at Church followed by excursion to Magic Island for Cross Throwing. Men and boys 40 and under are encouraged to dive for the Cross. Also any of the children in our community may also participate in diving for the Cross.
- ❖ **FDF Fundraiser Glendi for Dance Group**– Saturday, January 28, 2017, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Dinner and Entertainment in Church Hall. For tickets, contact Dianna Graves or any dancer.
- ❖ The 2017 Ecclesiastical Calendar are here! Please pick yours up in the Narthex. Mahalo to Tom Sofos for underwriting the printing of our calendars again this year!

