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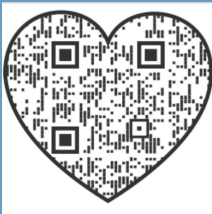
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HYMNS OF THE DAY

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST

Jordan River once turned back when Elisha struck its stream * with his mantle in the wake of Elias's ascent; * and the water was parted to the one side and to the other. * And thus the fluid stream became a dry way for him, * a symbol and truly a type of Baptism, * by which we now pass over the streaming passage of the present life. * And Christ appeared at the Jordan River * to sanctify the waters.

KONTAKION

To the flowing streams today * of River Jordan * comes the Lord and cries aloud * to John the Baptist, and He says, * "Be not afraid to baptize me now; * for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΑ

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΟΡΤΗΣ

Ἀπεστρέφετό ποτε, ὁ Ἰορδάνης ποταμός, τῇ μιλῶντι Ἐλισαίῃ, ἀναληφθέντος Ἡλιοῦ, καὶ διηρεῖτο τὰ ὕδατα ἐνθεν καὶ ἐνθεν, καὶ γέγονεν αὐτῷ, ξηρὰ ὁδὸς ἢ ὑγρὰ, εἰς τύπον ἀληθῶς τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, δι' οὗ ἡμεῖς τὴν ῥέουσαν, τοῦ βίου διαπερῶμεν διάβασιν, Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ, ἀγιάσαι τὰ ὕδατα.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

Ἐν τοῖς ῥεῖθροις σήμερον τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, γεγονῶς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ Ἰωάννῃ ἐκβοᾷ· Μὴ δειλιάσης βαπτίσει με· σῶσαι γὰρ ἦκω, Ἀδὰμ τὸν πρωτόπλαστον.



EPISTLE READING

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

TITUS, my son, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Τίτον 2:11-14, 3:4-7 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, ἐπεφάνη γὰρ ἡ χάρις τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ σωτήριος πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις, παιδεύουσα ἡμᾶς ἵνα ἀρνησάμενοι τὴν ἀσέβειαν καὶ τὰς κοσμικὰς ἐπιθυμίας σωφρόνως καὶ δικαίως καὶ εὐσεβῶς ζήσωμεν ἐν τῷ νῦν αἰῶνι, προσδεχόμενοι τὴν μακαρίαν ἐλπίδα καὶ ἐπιφάνειαν τῆς δόξης τοῦ μεγάλου Θεοῦ καὶ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς ἔδωκεν ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν, ἵνα λυτρώσῃται ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης ἀνομίας καὶ καθάρσῃ ἑαυτῶν λαὸν περιούσιον, ζηλωτὴν καλῶν ἔργων. ὅτε δὲ ἡ χρηστότης καὶ ἡ φιλανθρωπία ἐπεφάνη τοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Θεοῦ, οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων τῶν ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ ὧν ἐποιήσαμεν ἡμεῖς, ἀλλὰ κατὰ τὸν αὐτοῦ ἔλεον ἔσωσεν ἡμᾶς διὰ λουτροῦ παλιγγενεσίας καὶ ἀνακαινώσεως Πνεύματος Ἁγίου, οὗ ἐξέχεεν ἐφ' ἡμᾶς πλουσίως διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν, ἵνα δικαιοθέντες τῇ ἐκείνου χάριτι κληρονόμοι γενώμεθα κατ' ἐλπίδα ζωῆς αἰωνίου.



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GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 1:1-8 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὡς γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς προφήταις, ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὸν ἄγγελόν μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὃς κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδὸν σου ἔμπροσθέν σου· φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, ἑτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν Κυρίου, εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, ἐγένετο Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ κηρύσσων βάπτισμα μετανοίας εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ ἐξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία χώρα καὶ οἱ Ἱεροσολυμίται, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο πάντες ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπὸ αὐτοῦ ἑξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. Ἦν δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν ὀσφύν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσθίων ἀκρίδας καὶ μέλι ἄγριον. Καὶ ἐκήρυσσε λέγων· ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου ὀπίσω μου, οὐ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἰκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ· ἐγὼ μὲν ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ἐν ὕδατι, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ.

ΦΩΝΗ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ - ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΗ ΔΙΑΚΟΝΟΙΑ

Ὁ Χριστός φανέρωσε στὸν ἑαυτό Του αὐτὴ τὴν ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ - Πατέρα μέχρι σημείου πού ὑπέμεινε σταυρό καὶ θάνατο γιὰ τὴν σωτηρία τοῦ κόσμου. Ἔτσι ἔχουμε καὶ τὴν συμβολικὴ ἐρμηνεία τῆς παραβολῆς: ὁ Καλὸς Σαμαρεῖτης εἶναι ὁ Χριστός. Αὐτὸς πού ἔπεσε στὴν ἐνέδρα τῶν ληστῶν εἶναι ὁ ἄνθρωπος πού κατασπαράσσεται ἀπὸ τὴν ἁμαρτία πού τὸν ἀφήνει «ἡμιθανή». Τὸ πανδοχεῖο εἶναι ἡ Ἐκκλησία, πού εἶναι ἡ κιβω- τὸς τῆς σωτηρίας μας καὶ τῆς θεραπείας μας. Τὸ λάδι καὶ τὸ κρασί εἶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς Ἐκκλησίας μας. Τὰ δύο δηνάρια, μὲ τὰ ὁποῖα ὁ Καλὸς Σαμαρεῖτης πλήρωσε τὸ πανδοχεῖο, εἶναι ἡ Παλαιὰ καὶ ἡ Καινὴ Διαθήκη. Ὁ Καλὸς Σαμαρεῖτης, ὁ Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, θά ἔλθει καὶ πάλι κατὰ τὴν Δευ- τέρα καὶ ἔνδοξη Αὐτοῦ Παρουσία, γιὰ νὰ κρίνει ζῶντες καὶ νεκρούς.

Σὲ μιά ἐποχὴ ἀτομισμού, ἐπικρατήσεως τῆς ἀπανθρωπιάς καὶ τῆς ἀδιαφορίας, ἡ ἀγάπη ἐξακολουθεῖ νὰ ἀποτελεῖ τὸ μοναδικὸ κριτήριό γιὰ τὴν γνησιότητά μας ὡς ὀρθοδόξων χριστιανῶν καὶ τὴν εἴσοδό μας στὴν Βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἡ ἀγάπη, ἐπομένως, εἶναι ἡ οὐσία τῆς ζωῆς καὶ τὸ θεμέλιο τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, ἡ ὁποία κατὰ τὸν ἅγιο Ἰγνάτιο τὸν Θεοφόρο εἶναι ἐνότητα πίστεως καὶ ἀγάπης. Ἡ πίστη καὶ ἡ ἐλπίδα διδάσκουν τὸν ἄνθρωπο νὰ καταφρονεῖ τὰ ὑλικά ἀγαθὰ. Ἐνῶ ἡ ἀγάπη ἐνώνει τὴν ψυχὴ μὲ τὶς ἀρετὲς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἀναζητώντας τὸν Ἄορατο μὲ τὴν νοερά αἴσθησι (ἅγιος Διάδοχος Φωτικῆς).

Τὸν κόσμο θά τὸν σώσει ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ Θεοῦ. Αὐτὴ ὅμως ἡ ἀγάπη θέλει ἔκφραση. Κι ἐμεῖς οἱ Χριστιανοὶ καλοῦμαστε νὰ τὴν ἐκφράζουμε καθημε- ρινά, νὰ τὴν ἐκπέμπουμε, νὰ τὴν κάνουμε μήνυμα κι ἐλπίδα. Τοῦτο σημαί- νει ὅτι ἡ στροφὴ πρὸς τὸν ἄλλο ἄνθρωπο δὲν μπορεῖ νὰ εἶναι μόνον λόγος, ἀλλὰ καὶ ἔργο, δηλαδή μιά κίνηση πού ἀγκαλιάζει ὀλόκληρη τὴν ὑπαρξὴ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, εἶναι κατανόηση μέσα στὴν καθημερινότητα, ἀποδοχή, συμφιλίωση, εὐγένεια, καλοσύνη, ἀμοιβαιότητα, πραότητα, ἀγάπη.

KID'S BULLETIN PAGE

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Feastday
Followers
Forerunner
Holy Spirit
Holy Water
John the Baptist
Pray
Recluse
Saint Paul
Silence
Spread the Gospel
Theophan

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Today, we celebrate Saint John the Baptist's feastday. Can you find him in the icon?

Can you find the dove? The dove shows us the Holy Spirit was there at Jesus's baptism too. We pray that the Holy Spirit is at every baptism, don't we?



STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY

What does it mean to be a steward of the Church? Being a steward is one of the most essential aspects of our Christian life. Offering our time, talent and treasure towards our church and parish life is an expression of love towards God and one another. The Lord wants us to live out our faith within community, in a concrete way. Stewardship is an opportunity to do just this!

WHY DO WE PASS A TRAY?

The tray that is passed is actually an important part of the Liturgy. The Liturgy is an offering to God of our whole being. This also includes our contribution to the ministries of the Church. As Orthodox Christians, we are not passive in our faith, but active participants. Each of us working together contributes to the good that the Church provides for our faithful and also the community at large. Your offering is an offering of love for your Church and your fellow man.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

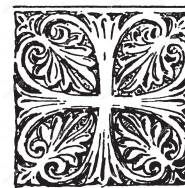
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THE VOICE OF THE LORD - APOSTOLIKI DIAKONIA



Christ demonstrated this love of God the Father in Himself, down to the point of enduring the cross and death for the salvation of the world. Thus, we also have the symbolic interpretation of the parable: the Good Samaritan is Christ. He who fell into the trap of the thieves is the person who is completely torn apart by sin, which leaves him "half-dead." The inn is the Church, our ark of salvation and healing. The oil and wine are the sacraments of the Church. The two denarii paid by the Good Samaritan are the Old and New Testaments. The Good Samaritan, Jesus Christ, will come again in His Second and glorious Coming to judge the living and the dead.

In an era of individualism, prevailing dehumanization, and indifference, love remains the sole criterion for our authenticity as Orthodox Christians and our entry into the Kingdom of God. Therefore, love is the essence of life and the foundation of the Church, which Saint Ignatius the God-Bearer describes as a unity of faith and love. Faith and hope teach man to scorn material goods. Whereas love unites the soul with God's virtues, seeking the Invisible through the noetic sense, as taught by St. Diadochos of Photiki.

God's love will save the world. However, this love needs to be expressed. As Christians, we are called to express it daily, to radiate it, to make it a message and a hope. This means that our turning toward others cannot be just words, but also actions. It should be a movement that embraces the entire human being. It includes understanding in daily life, acceptance, reconciliation, courtesy, kindness, reciprocity, meekness, and love.



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We welcome all visitors to our Saint Nicholas Parish! Please be aware, that while you are welcome to worship with us, only baptized Orthodox Christians in good standing may approach for Holy Communion.

APPROACHING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

We kindly ask that as you approach for Holy Communion, you follow the directions of our parish council representatives. Congregants are asked to remain in their pews until they are directed to approach.

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for family fellowship this morning, following the Divine Liturgy, for 'Coffee Hour' in the Sarantakos Hall.



ΕΟΡΤΟΛΟΓΙΟΝ

JANUARY 2025

January 1 WED	Saint Basil the Great / Peritome Αγ. Βασιλείου / Περιτομή 8:30 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	January 17 FRI	St. Anthony the Great Αγ. Αντωνίου 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
January 3 FRI	Orthros and Royal Hours Όρθρος και Ωρες Θεοφανείων 7:30 a.m.	January 18 SAT	SS. Athanasios & Cyril Αγ. Αθανασίου & Αγ. Κυρίλλου 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
January 5 SUN	Forefeast of Epiphany Προεόρτια Θεοφανείων 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy (One Divine Liturgy)	January 19 SUN	12th Sunday of Luke / St. Maximos 12η Κυριακή του Λουκά 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy 10:45 a.m. 2nd Liturgy
January 6 MON	Feast of the Epiphany Θεοφάνεια του Κυρίου 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 9:15 Liturgy <i>Great Blessing of the Waters</i>	January 22 WED	St. Timothy the Apostle Απόστολου Τιμοθέου 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
January 7 TUES	Synaxis of Saint John the Baptist Σύναξη του Ιωάννου Βαπτ. 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	January 25 SAT	St. Gregory the Theologian Αγ. Γρηγορίου του Θεολόγου 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy
January 12 SUN	Sunday after Epiphany Κυριακή μετά τα Θεοφάνεια 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy 10:45 a.m. 2nd Liturgy	January 26 SUN	15th Sunday of Luke 15ο Κυριακή Λουκά 7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 Liturgy 10:45 a.m. 2nd Liturgy
January 14 TUE	Apodosis of Theophany Απόδοση των Θεοφανείων 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy	January 30 THU	The Three Holy Hierarchs Τριών Ιεραρχών 8 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 Liturgy