

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Before the Theophany Eve of the Theophany Hieromartyr  
Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and Martyr Theonas [Ven. Syncletica of  
Alexandria]

**Tone 3      Troparion    *(Resurrection)***

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength  
with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the  
dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the  
world // great mercy.

**Tone 4      Troparion of the Forefeast**

The River Jordan was turned back by the mantle of  
Elisha, after Elijah had been taken up to  
heaven. The waters were parted in two, and the  
stream became a dry path. This was truly a type of  
baptism, by which we pass over the stream of  
life. // Christ has shone forth in the Jordan to  
sanctify the waters.

**Troparion you were bound for good deeds.....**

**Tone 3      Kontakion    *(Resurrection)***

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the  
gates of death.

On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs //  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

**Tone 2      1<sup>st</sup> Kontakion      *(Forefeast)***

O Christ, in Thy compassion and infinite mercy,  
Thou art coming as a man to be baptized in the  
Jordan, in order to take away the many transgressions of us all, clothing me in  
the garment of ancient glory // of which I was cruelly stripped bare.

**Tone 4      2<sup>nd</sup> Kontakion      *(Forefeast)***

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: "Do not be afraid to  
baptize Me. // For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

**Kontakion God raised you ....now and ever**

**Konation Tone 6** Steadfast protectors of Christians,

Constant Advocate Before The creator; despise Not the Entreating cries of Us sinners, but in your Goodness Come Speedily to Help us Who Call on You in faith. Hasten to Hear Our petition, And to Intercede For us, O Theotokos, For you Always protect Those Who honor you

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Sunday Before)**

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

*V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

**Epistle (298) 2 Timothy 4:5-8**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us. (Ps. 66:1)*

*V. That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all the nations. (Ps. 66:2)*

**Gospel (1) Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday Before)**

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Church Announcements

Orthodox study and Vespers will resume on Saturdays at 5.pm (Study) and 6pm for (Vespers) with Fr Alin

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** volunteers appreciated to help assist in preparing the food for the Luncheon on The 26<sup>th</sup> of January Please see Fr Alin or Marleen for details

**January 26<sup>th</sup>** after Divine Liturgy we will be having a church Luncheon please invite your friends so we can raise money for the church donations greatly appreciated.

Annual Parish meeting and Luncheon **Feb,9,2025**

With Father Anderson

We love to congratulate all the newly illumined members Many years to you all.

Saturday Great Vespers (Jan 4, 11, 18, 25) – Fr Alin

Jan 5 – Fr Vissarion

Jan 6 – Fr Vissarion

Jan 12 – Fr Vissarion

Jan 19 – Fr Alexander

Jan 26 – Fr John

Please remember to bring a small bottle to take some holy water home with you on Monday

January 6<sup>th</sup> for Theophany.