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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA  
Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector  
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*

# **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

## **SUNDAY , JANUARY 10, 2020**

### **EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:7-13**

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

### **GOSPEL: Mathew 4:12-17**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

# Sunday, January 10

## Sunday After Theophany

### **Tone 1**      **Troparion**    *(Feast of Theophany)*

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You and called You His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself and hast enlightened the world, glory to You.

### **Tone 4**      **Troparion**    *(St. Gregory of Nyssa)*

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. O Hierarch Father Gregory, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

### **Tone 1**      **Kontakion**    *(St. Gregory of Nyssa)*

You kept watch with the eyes of your soul, O holy bishop, revealing yourself as a watchful pastor for the world. With the staff of your wisdom and your fervent intercession, you drove away all heretics like wolves and preserved your flock free from harm, O most wise Gregory.

### **Tone 4**      **Kontakion**    *(Feast of Theophany)*

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises: "You have come and revealed Yourself

**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6**  
**Afterfeast and Sunday after the Theophany. Saint**  
**Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa**

**Saturday, January 9**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, January 10**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Reader Michael Luc**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John**

**Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc**

**Epistle Ephesians 4:7-13 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17**

***GREAT SANCTIFICATION OF WATER***

Monday, January 11 – Afterfeast of Theophany

Tuesday, January 12 – Afterfeast of Theophany

Wednesday, January 13 – Afterfeast of Theophany

Thursday, January 14 – Leavetaking of Theophany

Friday, January 15 – Ven. Paul of Thebes

Saturday, January 16 – Veneration of the Precious

Chains of the Holy and Glorious Apostle Peter

**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7**  
**Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the**  
**Great**

**Saturday, January 16**

**5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions**

**Sunday, January 17**

**9:10 am 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours: Joshua Wherley**

**9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John**

**Chrysostom**

**Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley**

**Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21 Gospel 18:18-27**

## **REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr .Don and Popadia Donna  
Egor Cravcenco. Son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

## **REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Metropolitan Herman  
Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)  
Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)  
Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)  
Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo  
Larissa Freude Newman  
Reader William Paluch  
Martin and Rose Marie Vronick  
Matushka Myra Kovalik  
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalik  
Matushka Christitne Zebren  
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan  
Matushka Suzanne Senyo

## **MEMORY ETERNAL**

Please remember in your prayers the father of Matushka Joanne Bohush and the grandfather of John Bohush, Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich. Fr. Eugene fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, January 2. His funeral is on Friday, January 8 , and burial at St. Tikhon's Cemetery, South Canaan, Pennsylvania.. In Blessed Repose grant eternal rest ,O Lord, to the soul of your departed servant, the Mitred Archpriest Eugene and may his **Memory be Eternal. Vecnaja Pamjat.**

## **2021 CHURCH CALENDARS OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**Please pick up yours from the front pew**

# The Great Blessing Of Water

By V. Rev. Thomas Hopko



The Great Blessing of Water takes place in the Orthodox Church on the **Feast of the Epiphany, January 6**, often called, as it is in the Orthodox service books, the **Theophany**. The word "epiphany" means the shining forth or manifestation or appearance or revelation. The word "Theophany" means the shining forth or manifestation or appearance or revelation **of God**. The emphasis in the present day celebration is on the appearance of Jesus as the human Messiah of Israel and the divine Son of God, One of the Holy Trinity with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

## Manifestation of the Messiah

In His baptism by John in the Jordan River, Jesus manifested Himself for the first time as the Messiah of Israel. At the baptism John refers to Christ by the messianic title of the "**Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**" (**John 1:29**) At this time as well the voice of the Father



# Orthodox Christian Women

Presents

Our Annual Winter Mini-Retreat  
Saturday, January 23, 2021 10:00 am

## Zoom Event

Free Event ~~ Everyone Welcome!  
**“ST. BASIL & HIS NEW CITY”**

(Orthodox Christian response of love to the  
issue of poverty)

### **SPEAKER: JOE MAY**

Joe May is a graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He spent 10 years working in homeless ministry with the Catholic Worker Community and Matthew 25 House in South Akron. Joe is currently the Corporate Social Responsibility Manager at State and Federal Communications. He is a member of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church and St. Elia the Prophet Church in Akron.

Contact Nikki Bober (330-409-3552 or email at [nlbober@gmail.com](mailto:nlbober@gmail.com)) Or Nancy Studebaker (330-655-9638) For questions or information regarding the Zoom Link



# **Important Guidelines on Attending the Divine Services**

All services will continue to be *live streamed* by visiting our website [www.saintelia.com](http://www.saintelia.com).

In accordance with the State of Ohio, CDC, and Diocesan guidelines we all must follow these simple steps when attending:

- 1) If you or your family member is sick please stay home.
- 2) All must wear masks in church (disposable masks are provided in the vestibule).
- 3) Sanitize your hands before entering the church (sanitizer is located in the vestibule).
- 4) All are required to keep 6 feet social distancing. Pews are marked for available and not available seating.

5) Please... **THERE WILL BE NO GATHERING IN THE VESTIBULE, OFFICE OR PARISH HALL**

So sorry to say... but we cannot kiss the icons, cross, chalice, gospel book, and/or Father's hand.

**Lastly, due to limited seating to ensure safe distancing and Diocesan Guidelines, parishioners must pre-register to attend liturgical services.**  
**Please call Fr. Don (330) 472-6456 or 330-724-7009**