



## St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

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### Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ January 7, 2018

#### **Troparion – Tone 6**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

#### **Troparion – Tone 1**

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

#### **Troparion – Tone 2**

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the Prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Whom thou didst preach. After suffering with joy on behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in hell the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takes away the sin of the world// and grants us great mercy!

#### **Kontakion – Tone 6**

The river Jordan trembled, and was driven back, filled with fear at Thy coming in the flesh, while John drew back in awe as he fulfilled the ministry of the Spirit. The ranks of Angels stood amazed when they beheld Thee baptized in the stream. And we who were in darkness are filled with light.// We praise Thee, O God made manifest, as Thou dost enlighten all.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 4**

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises: "Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,// O unapproachable Light."

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 1**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!*

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 7**

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

## **Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

On the first day of the Afterfeast of Theophany, the Church extols Saint John the Baptist as the greatest man born of a woman. He surpasses all the ancient prophets because he baptized the Messiah, Whose coming he foretold.

### **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.

### **Epistle: Acts 19:1-8**

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

### **Gospel: Matthew 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."

### **Gospel: John 1:29-34**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

### **Service Schedule for the week of January 7**

**Today** – 9:00 AM Church School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

**Saturday January 13** - 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday January 14** – 9:00 AM Church School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

### **Weekly Giving**

December 25 – 43 adults, 6 youth, \$2,674

December 31 – 28 adults, 5 youth, \$645

## **Parish Announcements**

If you would like your house blessed, please sign the sheet on the table across from the candle desk and Father Volodymyr will contact you to schedule a time.

Blessed holy water is available in the vessel at the front of the church.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday January 28, 2018.

The Senior R Club will sell chicken parmigiana sandwiches on Sunday January 28 prior to the Annual Parish Meeting. A sign-up sheet is on the table across from the candle desk.

There is a Parish Council meeting this Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 PM.

Our parish will host a Mission Service and Lenten meal for NJ and PA parishes on Sunday March 11 at 4:00 PM. More information will be forthcoming.

FREE – If interested please see Father Volodymyr, Melody, or Dottie K.:

Wooden padded office chairs

Two double-size wooden file cabinets

Oak student desks and chairs

A brief write-up on Father Paul and Matushka Mary's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was recently posted on the Diocesan website [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org). There was also a lovely article posted on the Seminary website, [www.svots.edu](http://www.svots.edu), written by Matushka Deborah Belonick (scroll down on the Home page to the "News" link), along with many photos and a video of Father Chad Hatfield's remarks. Stay tuned for a more detailed article in an upcoming issue of Jacob's Well!