

Christ is Baptized
in the Jordan!
Glorify Him!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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в Иордане!
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10 January 2021 / 7529 SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

*Post-festive Day of Theophany. Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa.
Our Venerable Father Marcion, Priest and Treasurer of the Great Church.
The Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melitene.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Jan. 09 17:00 Vigil: **Sunday after Theophany** Suffrages for +Conrad Semensky – Mary Ann Kontir, sister
- Sun. Jan. 10 10:30 **Sunday after Theophany** Suffrages pro populo, esp. for +Mary Knouse – Kay Knouse
- Sat. Jan. 16 17:00 Vigil: **33rd Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of Zacchæus** Suffrages for +Daniel Kontir – Donald & Ellen Diguglielmo
- Sun. Jan. 17 10:30 **33rd Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday of Zacchæus** Suffrages pro populo, esp. +Mary Knouse - Marge Hulyk

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01 / 03 / 2021	Adults: \$1983	Christmas Off: \$45	Initial Off.: \$92		
COLLECTION	Candles: \$54	Holy Day: \$155	BCW: \$28		
TOTAL: \$2357					

CONFIRMING JOHN'S TEACHING. ANONYMOUS: From the time when John was delivered, Jesus began to preach. For if He had begun to preach while John was alive, doubtless He would have belittled John, and John's preaching would have been considered superfluous compared with that of Jesus—as the light that rises at the same time with the lamplighter overshadows the lamplighter's grace. How wisely then did He begin preaching as John was accustomed to preach: «*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*» His intention was not to trample on John's teaching but to confirm it all the more. For if He were to preach while John was still teaching, He might seem to be intruding on John's mission. But now, with John confined, He takes up John's teaching. There is no trampling, but confirmation. He confirmed John's teaching, that He might point him out as a true witness. INCOMPLETE WORK ON MATTHEW, HOMILY 6

THE CALL TO REPENTANCE. CHROMATIUS: The voice of the Lord urging the people to repentance—the Holy Spirit made it known to the people that they might take heed, saying, «*Today, when you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, as in the day of testing in the wilderness.*» In the same psalm above, He made clear that He was urging the sinful people to repentance and showed the state of a repentant soul, saying, «*Come, let us fall down before Him and lament before the Lord Who made us, for He is our God.*» The Lord urges the people to repentance, and He promises to pardon their sins, according to Isaiah's words: «*I, even I, am the one who wipes out your iniquities, and I will not be mindful of your sins. But you be mindful, declare first your iniquities that you may be justified.*» Rightly then does the Lord urge the people to repentance when He says, «*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,*» so that through this confession of sins they may be made worthy to approach the kingdom of heaven. For no one can receive the grace of the heavenly God unless one has been cleansed of every stain of sin by the confession of repentance, through the gift of the saving baptism of our Lord and Savior. TRACTATE ON MATTHEW 15.3



~ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ❖ **ECF CLASSES** resume next Sunday, 17 January.
- ❖ **PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE: A Patristic Study of Deification Wednesdays, January 13 - 27 @ 8 - 9 PM ET.** God has called his people to become partakers of His Divine Nature. This three-part series explores this process of participating in the sacramental and moral life of Christ by which each individual and the whole Church are transformed into the mystical body of Christ. Register at: <https://godwithusonline.org/events/partakers-of-the-divine-nature/>
- ❖ **FIRST «ALL SOULS SATURDAY»** is February 6th.
- ❖ **PRE-CANA 2021:** All couples planning to enter into a **sacramental marriage** through the celebration of the Mystery of Crowning in 2021 are required to attend the Pre-Canan Program sponsored by the Archeparchy's Office of Religious Education. This is only offered ONCE a year. **PRE-CANA SESSION DATES FOR 2021 ARE MARCH 13 AND MARCH 20.** Topics to be covered: Communication, Forgiveness & Intimacy, Finances & Budgeting, Marriage & Sexuality, Why a Church Wedding?, Elements of a Healthy Marriage, Theology of Marriage/Crowning Ceremony For information about registration, fees, etc. See Father for a registration form or go to: https://www.archpitt.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Pre-Canan_RegForm2.pdf

