

**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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8 JANUARY 2023 / 7531 SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

*Our Venerable Father George the Chozebite. Our Venerable Mother Dominica.
Our Holy Father and Confessor Emilian.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Jan. 07 17:00 **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY** *Suffrages for
+Cody Fullman – The Fullman Family*
- Sun. Jan. 08 10:30 **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY** *Suffrages pro populo;
esp. for +Gregory Harhai – Christine Roscosky*
- Sat. Jan. 14 17:00 Vigil: **32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages pro populo
- Sun. Jan. 15 10:30 **32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for +Gregory Harhai – The Fullman Family



**01 / 01 / 2023
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TOTAL: \$2282**

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Today Christ enters the Jordan to wash away the sin of the world. John himself testifies that this is why He has come: *Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world.* **Today** a servant lays his hand on the Lord, a man lays his hand on God, John lays his hand on Christ, not to forgive but to receive forgiveness. **Today**, as the psalmist prophesied: *The voice of the Lord is heard above the waters.* What does the voice say? *This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.* **Today** the Holy Spirit hovers over the waters in the likeness of a dove. A dove announced to Noah that the flood had disappeared from the earth; so now a dove is to reveal that the world's shipwreck is at an end forever. The sign is no longer an olive-branch of the old stock: instead, the Spirit pours out on Christ's head the full richness of a new anointing by the Father, to fulfill what the psalmist had prophesied: *Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.*

from a sermon by St Peter Chrysologus

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with Him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to Him as to an equal, bearing witness to His Godhead. A voice bears witness to Him from heaven, His place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God. Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom His every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of Him Who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to Whom be glory and power now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

from a sermon by St Gregory Nazianzen



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- ❖ **LIFTING THE VEIL A Mystical Understanding of the Divine Liturgy Wednesdays, January 11th - 25th @ 8 - 9 PM ET.** The Divine Liturgy makes present the events of salvation history and allows us to participate in the worship of God along with the whole cosmos. In this series, guided by Scripture and saints such as Maximus the Confessor and Symeon of Thessaloniki, we will explore the Church's mystical interpretation of the Divine Liturgy and how it draws us to participate in the entirety of salvation. **Instructor:** *Fr. Thomas Moses, who lives in upstate New York with his wife and two daughters, and is administrator and priest of St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Utica, NY. He is an assistant director, host and presenter for God With Us Online. He graduated from Saints Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA in 2017.*

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