

**January 6, 2024**  
**The Holy Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

Troparion:

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare 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!

Kontakion:

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, has shone on us, who with understanding praise Thee: Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O Light Unapproachable! (Old Version)

Today You have shown 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, O unapproachable Light. (On OCA site in 2021)

Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone:

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! The Lord is God and hath revealed Himself to us!

(Vs.) O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever!

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Titus. (Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7)

Brethren, the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Alleluia Verses:

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

(Vs.) The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon the many waters!

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew. (Matt. 3:13-17)

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to John, at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. But John was reluctant, and said, "It is I who ought to be baptized by you, and you come to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Let it be so now, for this is how what is right must be fulfilled." Then He let him do it. And when Jesus had been baptized, He immediately came up from the water. And behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and coming upon Him. And behold, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."