

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
**31st Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 6**  
**Afterfeast of the Theophany**

Troparion:

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!

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:

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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

Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone:

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee.  
(Vs.) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Epistle:

The reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. (Eph. 4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Alleluia Verses:

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

(Vs.) For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever, and Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew. (Chapter 4:12-17)

At that time when Jesus heard that John had been delivered up, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving the town of Nazareth, He came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the territory of Zabulon and Nephtalim; that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "Land of Zabulon and land of Nephtalim, by the way to 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, a light has arisen." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."