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Weekday Services

Mon - Fri

Vespers Daily 6 PM

Matins Daily 8 AM

Schedule for the Week of January 18 - 24, 2015

Sunday Jan 18	Sunday before Epiphany 11:00 AM Vespers of Epiphany 6:00 PM Vigil for Epiphany
Monday Jan 19	Epiphany / Богоявление 9:00 AM Festal Divine Liturgy Blessing of Water
Saturday Jan 24	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Jan 25	Afterfeast of Theophany / M. Tatiana 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

Jesus and the Water of Life

One of the favorite themes of primitive Christian art is Moses striking the rock with his rod and causing water to gush out. This theme comes over and over again in the Old Testament, from the crossing of the Red Sea by Israel, to Isaiah's call: "Lo everyone who thirsts, come to the waters..." (Isa. 55:1). The fulfillment of these passages of

Scripture can be found in the words of Our Lord reported in the Gospel: "Unless one is born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (John 5:3)... if anyone thirst, Let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me ... out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37,38)

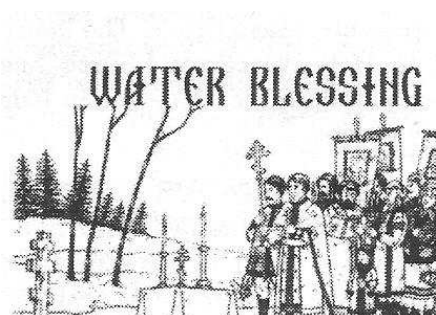
Water has become the sign of salvation. Our Lord commanded His disciples to baptize: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them..." (Matt. 28:19). He Himself inaugurated His public ministry by receiving the baptism of John. The Eastern Fathers, particularly St. Ignatius of Antioch, teach that the contact of our Lord's body with the water of Jordan is the principle of the sanctifying action of water in the holy mystery of Baptism.

The Orthodox Church surrounds the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord with a quite special veneration. She calls Epiphany the "Feast of the Jordan"; on that day she blesses water and gives it to the faithful to drink. The prayers of the "Great Blessing of Water" express a complete theology. The Orthodox Church associates the mystery of the Water with the mysteries of Light and illumination; therefore Epiphany is also called the "Feast of Lights." Contact with the Lord Jesus as the Baptizer as well as the very Water of Life, is the starting point of our whole spiritual life.

Богоявление

Христос Спаситель явился, чтобы начать Свое спасительное служение. "Бог Слово явился плотию роду человеческому". Воплощенный Сын Божий, о рождении Которого знали только совсем немногие, явился роду человеческому, ибо Его крещение есть как бы торжественное выступление Его на Свое служение, которое Он после этого и совершал до смерти и воскресения Своего. В этот именно праздник "тройское явися поклонение" - все три Лица

Святыя Троицы впервые явились в раздельности Своей: люди услышали голос Бога Отца: "Сей есть Сын мой возлюбленный, о Нем же благоволих", Сын Божий принимал крещение от Иоанна, а Дух Святой в виде голубя от Отца сошел на Сына. (из Проповедей Митр. Филарета Вознесенского)



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

**Monday, Feb . 23 – Beginning of Lent /
Начало Великого Поста**

Sunday, Apr. 12 – PASCHA / ПАСХА