

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

11 January 2009

PLAGAL 1ST MODE (5); 8TH EOTHINON

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

THEODOSIUS, HEAD OF MONASTERIES

VENERABLE THEODOSIOS OF PHILOTHEOU MONASTERY ON ATHOS; VENERABLE AGAPIOS OF APAMEA IN SYRIA; VENERABLE MICHAEL OF KLOPS, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN PLAGAL 1ST MODE (5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN 1ST MODE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THEODOSIOS IN PLAGAL 4TH MODE (8)

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Theodosios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN MODE FOUR

Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan, crying to John and saying, Be not dismayed at my Baptism; for I have verily come to save Adam, the first to be created.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday after Theophany)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (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.

THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday after Theophany)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

***** Announcements for the Week of January 11th *****

- ❖ TODAY, we welcome the **V. Rev. Fr Peter Gillquist as our preacher.**
- ❖ This is **HOUSE BLESSING SEASON.** Contact Fr Patrick for arrangements.
- ❖ The **SCHEDULE** of weekday services changes for house blessing season, **January 7th through February 21st: NO weekday Matins**, except on Saturday morning. Weekday Vespers will continue to be served on Tuesday and Friday. However, these services will be held at 5:00 PM, instead of 6. These changes are to allow maximum scheduling for Fr Patrick to complete all house blessings before the lenten season.
- ❖ The **fasting days** this week are Wednesday and Friday, as usual.
- ❖ Fr Patrick makes a pilgrimage to St Paisius Monastery this week. He returns to the parish on Thursday evening.
- ❖ Festal services for **ST PETER PARISH NAMEDAY** (St Peter in Chains) are held on Friday evening and Saturday morning: Great Vespers, Friday eve at 6 PM and Matins followed by Divine Liturgy, Saturday morning beginning at 7 AM.