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**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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***Sunday, January 3rd, 2010***

***Sunday before the Theophany of Christ***

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN Plagal 1<sup>st</sup> Mode**

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 FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN 4<sup>th</sup> Mode**

Make ready, O Zebulon, and prepare, O Nephtali, and thou, River Jordan, cease thy flow and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized. And thou, Adam, rejoice with the first mother, and hide not yourselves as ye did of old in paradise; for having seen thee naked, He appeared to clothe thee with the first robe. Yea, Christ hath appeared desiring to renew the whole creation.

**KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN 4<sup>th</sup> Mode**

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.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER (IN CHAINS)**

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, thou who doest preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains that thou didst bear. While honoring them in faith, we beseech thee that by thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.

**THE EPISTLE** - For the Sunday before the Theophany of Christ

**The Reading from St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy. (4:5-8)**

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which

the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**THE GOSPEL** - For the Sunday before the Theophany of Christ  
**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)**

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

***\*\*\* Announcements for the Week of January 3rd\*\*\****

- Beginning on Saturday, January 2, 2010, **ALL "Vespers" services, weekday and Saturday, will begin at 5:30 PM.** NOTE: this change does not apply to "Vigil" service which continues to have 6:00 PM as its beginning.
- **Catechumen classes resume.** Contact Fr Patrick if you would like to join with either class (Monday afternoon or Saturday afternoon).
- **COH** – Although Christmas has passed, the need of gift cards for needy families continues. See bulletin board for more information.
- **House Blessings.** The season for House Blessings this year is Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Father Patrick directly (phone, text, or email) to schedule your house blessing.
- **Parish Council** will meet next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> after Orthodox School.
- **The Feast of Theophany**, the 2nd greatest Feast of the Church after Pascha, occurs on January 6<sup>th</sup> (note, not the 5<sup>th</sup>). "consult the festal service calendar for the many services for this day.
- Veneration of Chain of St. Peter is Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Consult your calendar for services & times.

**Schedule of Divine Services--**

*Ordinary Schedule:*

*Special Schedule:*

Daily Matins at 6:00 AM,  
**Wednesday and Friday**  
Saturday Matins at 7:00 AM

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Vespers at 5:00 PM, **Tuesday & Friday.** [Every evening at certain times]

**For the Lord's Day (Sunday)**

**Great Vespers** at 5:00 PM, Saturday (preceded by the 9<sup>th</sup> Hour, at 4:45 PM)

**Sunday Matins** at 8:00 AM, Sunday

**Divine Liturgy** immediately follows Matins; thus, at about 9:15 AM.

*Special Services are scheduled; see Announcements*