

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Friday, January 6 - Sunday, January 8

Venerable Domnica

(+474)

January 8

Apolytikion of the Saint
Plagal of the Fourth Tone

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! O our holy mother Domnica, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Theophan the Recluse

(+1894)

January 6

Kontakion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

Holy hierarch Theophan, namesake of Theophany, you enlightened many people by your teachings. Now that you stand before the throne of the Holy Trinity together with the angels, pray without ceasing for us all.

The Theophany of Christ

January 6

A Hymn from the Ninth Royal Hour of Theophany
Plagal of the First Tone

With your hand you have touched
the head of the Master! (x3)

With that hand you have shown him to us as our Savior. O Baptist, stretch out that hand before Him in prayer on our behalf, for you have great boldness in His presence.

For He bore witness that you are the greatest of the prophets. With your eyes, you saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Him in the form of a dove. Lift up those same eyes to Him, O Baptist, that He might be merciful to us.

Come and stand among us (x3)
Setting the seal upon our hymns and beginning our feast

Troparion of the Feast

First Tone

When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan the worship of the Trinity was made manifest for the voice of the Father bore witness to You and called You His beloved Son. And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ, our God, You have revealed Yourself and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

Synaxis of John the Baptist

January 7

Kontakion of the Saint
Third Tone

Today, O Lord, You have appeared to the universe and your light, O Christ our God, has been impressed upon us who sing to You with full knowledge. You came and appeared, O Inaccessible Light

Ikos

As the Prophet said, a great light has risen upon heathen Galilee, upon the land of Zebulon, the land of Naphtali: this Light is Christ. A people living in darkness has seen a great light, a dawn appearing like lightning from Bethlehem. The Lord, born from Mary, the Sun of Justice, shed His rays upon the whole inhabited earth. Come, then, naked children of Adam: let us clothe ourselves in Him, that we may warm ourselves. You are a protection and veil to the naked, a light to those in darkness. You came and appeared, O Inaccessible Light!

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