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Sunday after the Nativity • Synaxis of the 70 Apostles



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Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 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 for the Fore-Feast of Theophany (Tone 4): Be thou ready, O Zebulun; prepare thyself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive the Sovereign Master, who cometh now to be baptized. O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now to clothe you in the first robe again. Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.

Apolytikion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion for the Fore-Feast of Theophany (Tone 4): In the running waters of the Jordan River, on this day the Lord of all crieth to John: ‘Be not afraid and hesitate not to baptize me, for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man!’

THE EPISTLE READING

For the Sunday before Theophany

Prokeimenon – Psalm 27:9, 1

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. To Thee, O Lord, I call; my Rock, be not deaf to me!

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (4:5-8)

MY SON TIMOTHY, be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Alleluia – Psalm 66:1, 2

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make His face to shine upon us.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving power among all nations.

THE GOSPEL READING

For the Sunday before Theophany

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 and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services, visit www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today: Sunday before the Theophany of our Lord

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Chrismation of Christian Aquino. May God grant him many years!
- Coffee hour today is a potluck. (See sign-up on the back of the front door.)
- **All Saints Talent Show:** We have about 10-12 participants already but please see Eva if you have a talent and would like to be on the list of performers!

Monday, January 5: The Eve of the Theophany of our Lord

- Theophany Royal Hours, 9am
- Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of the Waters, 7pm
- *If you have any holy water bottles from previous years, please reverently dispose of the old holy water outside or on your plants (not down the drain), and bring the bottles back to be refilled. We have a limited number of bottles at the church for those who do not have one already.*

No services on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at All Saints

Wednesday, Jan. 7:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Vespers, 7pm

Thursday, Jan. 8: Morning prayers, 9am

Friday, Jan. 9: Morning prayers, 9am, followed by MOYO (Mothers of Young Ones) at 10am. (See note below.)

Saturday, Jan. 10:

- Men's Fellowship and Breakfast, 8:30am
- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, Jan. 11: The Sunday after Theophany

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names L-P. *If your last name begins with L through P, please bring something to share as you are able, and help with clean-up afterwards. Thank you!*
- Church school resumes after coffee hour.

THANK YOU FROM THE KISHLERS. Many thanks to all of you for your Christmas greetings, cards, and thoughtful gifts! We deeply appreciate your generosity and kindness, and we wish you all of God's blessings in the coming year.

THEOPHANY HOME BLESSINGS begin this week! It is customary for every Orthodox household to be blessed by a priest between January 6 and the beginning of Great Lent each year. It is not necessary to feed or pay the priest, and you are certainly not required to have his entire family over. Please see Fr. Andrew to set up an appointment at your convenience. If you would rather wait until after Pascha, that will also be fine.

“MOTHERS OF YOUNG ONES.” This **Friday, Jan. 9:** Moms with kids kindergarten age and younger, please join us for fellowship and discussion, from **10am to noon** for snacks/coffee/tea and visiting first hour, Orthodox mothering topics discussion with babysitting available second hour. 2nd Friday of each month ~ Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13 (more dates and potential Saturday times to follow).

Please bring any holiday treats (or other simple snack) you'd like to share! See Kh. Patty if any questions.

PRISON MINISTRY. Those interested in prison ministry are invited to a short meeting after Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, January 11.** If you have not already contacted Jim Marks to ensure he has your email address for ongoing communication, please find his in the directory & contact him.

THE MARRIAGE OF ROB CARO AND NELLIE COCKS will be on **Saturday, Jan. 17** at St. George Church in Cicero, at 3pm. We

will have no Vespers at All Saints that night due to the wedding and reception, but all are welcome to attend Vespers at St George following the wedding at 5pm.

WINTER CONCERTS AT ALL SAINTS:

- On **Saturday, Jan. 24**, we welcome the concert choir from Holy Transfiguration Church in Warrenville, who will perform a series of hymns from the Church year. Concert begins at 4pm, followed by a potluck meal and Vespers.
- On **Saturday, Jan. 31**, our own Sara Beth Thomas will perform a concert for us of her own compositions. Performance begins at 5pm followed by Vespers.

PARISH COUNCIL & MINISTRY LEADERS' RETREAT. All clergy, parish council members, and other ministry leaders and teachers are invited to participate in a retreat led by Fr. Chad Hatfield of St. Vladimir's Seminary, on **Saturday, Jan. 31**, from 9am to 3pm at St. George Church in Cicero. Please see Fr. Andrew if you have any questions! A flyer with QR code for registration is posted downstairs.

THE ALL SAINTS ICON ACADEMY will again host classes this spring on select Saturdays, to complete an icon from start to finish. This year, our icon will be of St. John the Baptist. Please see Eva W. for more details or Fr Andrew if you'd like a blessing to participate. Also, consider sharing the information with someone else you think may be interested.



Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun 1/4	Jim K	Cristina P	Tobey L	Domitille	Potluck
Mon 1/5 <i>Theophany</i>	Paul K	Dn Walid	Domitille	n/a	Potluck
Sun 1/11	Steve K	Sandy A	John O	<i>volunteer</i>	L-P
Sun 1/18	Joseph L	Sephora	JoAnne	Zach	R-Z
Sun 1/25	Rich C	Debbie	Azizeh	Lydia	A-F

***For Sunday coffee hour,** the last names of our church members have been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.*

***If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line,** and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.*

***Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour,** but of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!*



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JANUARY 4-10, 2026

*This week's daily readings have been chosen
for the season of the Theophany of our Lord*

Sunday, Jan. 4: Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles

John 20:11-18 / 2 Timothy 4:5-8 / Mark 1:1-8

Monday, Jan. 5: The Eve of Theophany

Exodus 2:1-10 / Titus 2:11-15, 3:4-7 / Matthew 3:13-17

Tuesday, Jan. 6: The Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Exodus 14:15-29 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 / Mark 1:9-11

Wednesday, Jan. 7: Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner

Exodus 15:22-16:1 / Romans 6:3-11 / Luke 3:1-14

Thursday, Jan. 8: Domnica the Righteous

Judges 3:36-40 / 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 / Luke 3:15-22

Friday, Jan. 9: Peter, Bishop of Sebaste

Isaiah 1:16-20 / Acts 13:25-33 / John 1:6-8, 19-28

Saturday, Jan. 10: Gregory of Nyssa

3 Kingdoms 18:30-39 / Acts 19:1-8 / John 1:29-34

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