

AN EARTHLY ANGEL AND A HEAVENLY MAN

There is no disputing that **ST. JOHN** was a great teacher of nations. Far and wide he preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Because of this, a series of names are associated with him. These are not arbitrary designations, for they are taken from the Sacred Scriptures and hymnology of the Church. Consider these:

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – This is his best known name, for he is the one who baptized our Lord in the waters of the Jordan. St. Matthew writes: "Then came Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."

ST. JOHN THE FORERUNNER – He came to announce and prepare the people for the Saviour. St. Matthew quotes Malachi: "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee."

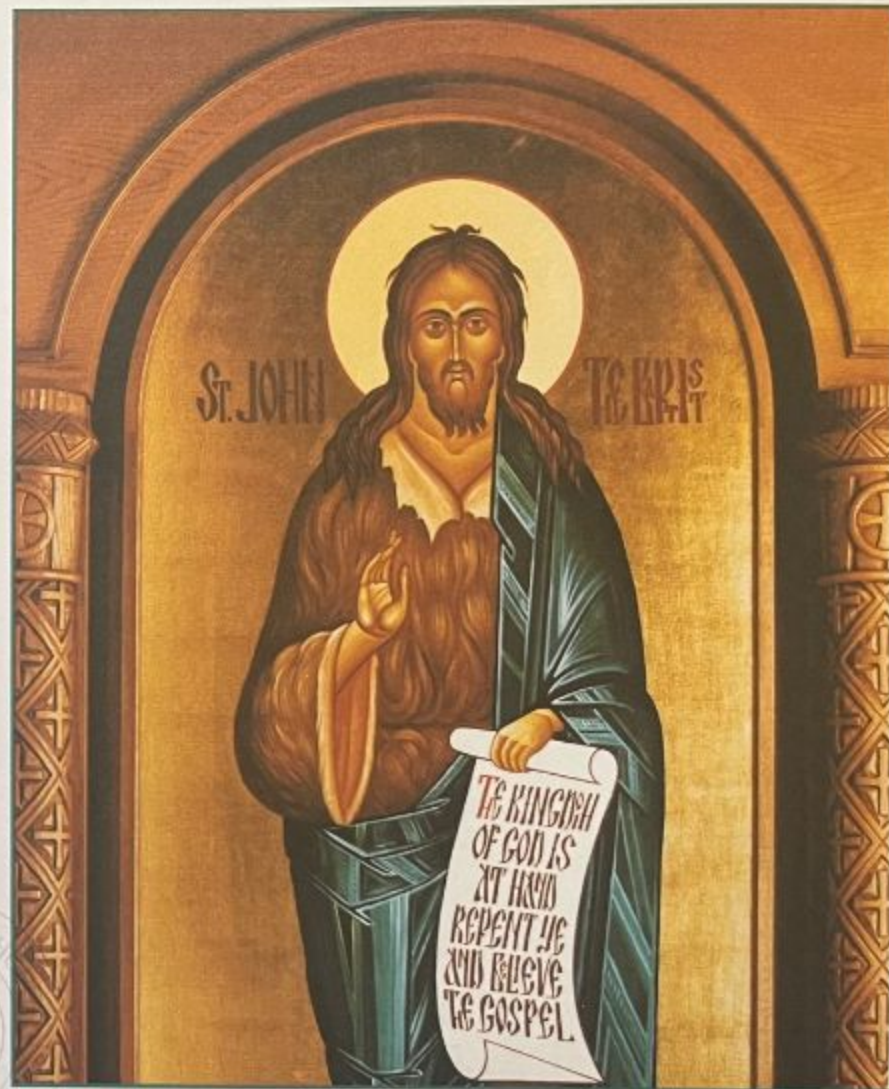
ST. JOHN THE PROPHET – Again St. Matthew: "What went you out to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet."

ST. JOHN, ANGEL IN THE FLESH – Hymns use this term, proclaiming of him: "Angel, for you have led an incorporeal life . . ."

ST. JOHN THE MARTYR – Again, hymns of the ritual say of John: "Martyr, for you have been beheaded for Christ."

Let us not forget St. John's **HUMILITY** when he proclaims of Christ: "Behold the Lamb of God . . . The latchet of Whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and loosen."

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Welcome our Visitors! We invite you to venerate the cross at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. However, only Orthodox Christians who are in good standing and who have prepared by prayer, fasting, and Confession may receive Holy Communion.

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SAINT GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Very Rev. Father Gabriel Karam, Pastor

Saturday Great Vespers 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

TONE 6/ EOTHINON 9

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

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 hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. THEODOSIOS IN TONE EIGHT

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.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

*(**The original melody**)*

On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

We Celebrate Today

On January 11 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we commemorate our **righteous Father Theodosios** the Cenobiarch, the instructor of the wilderness.

Verses

Theodosios was the leader of monks' common life;
And his departure from this life was monks' common loss.
On the eleventh the Cenobiarch left this ruinous life.

Theodosios the Great lived in Palestine. The founder and organizer of cenobitic (communal) monasticism, as a young man he visited Simeon Stylites, who blessed him and predicted for him great spiritual glory. Once Theodosios founded his monastery, many monks of different nationalities

and languages quickly gathered around him. He built churches for each language group, but on a day when they were to receive Communion, all the brethren gathered in the great church. Together with Saint Sabbas, he defended Palestine from the heresy of the Monophysites. God endowed Theodosios with the gifts of wonderworking, to heal the sick, to be present and help from a distance, to tame wild beasts, among other gifts. Theodosios entered peacefully into rest in the Lord in the year 529, at the age of 105.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Theodosios of Philotheou monastery on Athos; and Venerable Agapios of Apamea in Syria. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+Healing & Recovery Fr. Paul Yerger. Fr. Leo. Deacon Terry. Kh. Janet Henderson. Joy Logue. Sue Thomas. Dolores Nasser. Rick Collins. George Michael Nasif. Lynne Abraham. Pam Smith. Irene Tzotzolas. Maha Habeeb. Michael Farris. Athena. Georgia. Andrea Simon. Chuck Abraham. Timmie Fedell. Alan Evans. Janice Strickland. Drew Anderson. Jackson ballinger.

+Birthdays & Anniversaries. Jan, Fr. Gabriel Karam, Tiffany Leese (1), Pat Thomas (5), George Jabbour (8), John Tillman Thomas (9), Rickey Mitchell (25)

+Keep in your prayers. Our Catechumens, Cole Gary, Jacob Milliken & John Morgan Mcright. Who are preparing themselves for the Holy Sacrament of Baptism & Chrismation.

+Membership form. Do not forget to fill your membership form for 2026.

+House Blessing. Make your arrangement with Fr. Gabriel to bless your home.

+Holy Bread & Coffee Hour 2026 If you would like to reserve a Sunday, please call Mrs. Paula Shaw 601-218- 9448

+General Assembly Meeting Today Sunday January 11, 2026 following the Liturgy. Potluck Lunch.

+Installation of the Parish Council Sunday January 18th

+Parish Council Meeting Tuesday January 20th @ 5:30 pm.

+The Annual Lebanese Dinner Monday February 02 2026. Work and preparation will start on January 8. Tickets are available. Save the date, come and help during these days which bring many memories back and continue the legacy of St. George family in Vicksburg community.

The Church Fathers Teach

On the day of the feast of Theophany—the Baptism of the Lord—it is not out of place to remember another baptism: that baptism which was performed over each of us Orthodox Christians, that baptism at which each of us, by the mouth of our godparents, gave a promise to God that he would always renounce Satan and his works and would always unite himself, “join himself” with Christ.

Metropolitan Philaret (Voznesensky)

DIVINE LITURGY JANUARY 11, 2026

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM****

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Theodosios the Cenobiarch)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.

What shall we render to the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So, Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the 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 Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun 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."