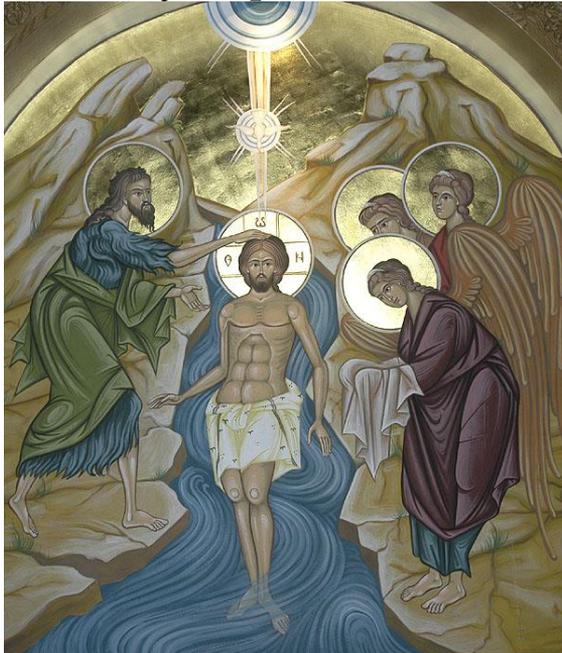




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**Sunday, January 3, 2020
30th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday before the Theophany
Holy Prophet Malachi**



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 5 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion (*Forefeast*)

Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn thyself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing, and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment.// Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Tone 5 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Prophet Malachi*)

Endowed with the gift of prophecy, O Malachi, thou didst clearly proclaim the saving coming of Christ to the world.// His brightness has brought light to the whole universe.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Forefeast*)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: “Do not be afraid to baptize Me.// For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.”

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ 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.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." ³ "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" ⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ⁵ Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Many Years!

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| Birthdays | 3 | Sandra Olsen |
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| | 6 | Olga Uchakin |

Announcements for Sunday, January 3, 2020:

- Happy New Year!
- Please feel free to help yourself to one complimentary 2021 calendar. If you would like to pay for it, or if you take more than one, you are welcome to donate \$5.
- This week we celebrate the Great Feast of the Theophany of our Lord. We will have services:
 - Tuesday, 6pm Vespers/Vigil with the Great Blessing of the Waters
 - Wednesday, 9am Festal Divine Liturgy
- Next Sunday, if possible, we will have our annual blessing of the Ocmulgee River at Amerson Water Park. Details to be announced this week.