

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON

## Address:

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## Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy  
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am  
& Melkite (Arabic) D.L.  
at 2 pm

Akathist or Molebyn  
Most Wednesdays at 6 pm  
(see calendar)

## Parish Website:

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## Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday after Theophany, Tone 6; the Holy Martyr Tatiana

## Christ Is Born! - Let us glorify Him!



Today, after the Liturgy

## Join us for our Annual Parish "Kutya"

It's a lovely parish family meal  
with Christmas carolling.

## House Blessing Season is upon us!

The custom of the priest visiting parishioners' homes and businesses to bless them with the "Jordan Water" from Theophany has endured for hundreds of years.

The first few years of our lives, which are spent almost entirely in the home, are the most formative years of life. In a real sense, the home is a school. Things are constantly being taught there. Parents and others in the household teach by what they are and how they live every day. It is the most important of schools, because values, attitudes, a way of life are taught there all the time.

In a real sense, the home is also a church. Prayers are said there. God is worshipped there. Most homes have a Bible and prayer books. There is an altar in the home – the dining table. There we bless our daily food and eat it. This food becomes our body and blood-our tissues of life, constantly renewed and replaced.

There are people, Christians, in the home, just as in church. Most homes have a...



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## Special this Saturday: 5 pm English Divine Liturgy (for Sunday) with the WCACYM people

(Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers) **Every one is most welcome**

... cross and icons; many have candles. Most Christians pray at home, in the morning and in the evening. If they have sinned, they ask for God's forgiveness. Certainly religion is not something found only in church. It is found in the home, too.

This is why the Church brings the blessing of Theophany into the home. Just as the home is an extension of the church, this blessing of the home is an extension of the service of blessing that began in the church. So let our homes be Christian places. Let them show our faith, with icons and candles and prayers and Christian living. Above all, let them be places where the presence of Christ is felt day by day. Let them be places of light, of love, of refuge from the darkness of this world.

The article above was written by Rev. Fr. James Graham, Pastor of Saint Elias the Prophet Melkite Greek Catholic Mission, San Jose, CA. The article appeared in THE VOICE OF THE PROPHET, News from St Elias the Prophet Melkite Greek Catholic Mission, Volume 8, Number 1, January 2002

## Some suggestions and info about my visit to bless your home:

- **To book your house blessing time, please fill out one of the slots on the schedule on the bulletin board.**
  - If possible "clump" your house blessing next to other people so that I don't have a lot of "dead time" between blessings.
  - If possible sign up for a time slot that is near someone else in your neighbourhood. This will save me some driving.
  - If you live far away from everyone book off some slots ahead and after your house blessing so that I can travel.
- I will call you when I am on my way (to make sure you are home and ready for me).
  - sometimes traffic, or other unforeseen events might make me late. Please be patient with me.
  - If things change for you you can always call to reschedule or even cancel. My number is 780-340-3726.
- When I arrive, have everyone in the home gather around the kitchen / dining table and join in the prayers.
- Please turn off your TVs, stereos, and computers.
- On your dining room table, if you have one, place a lighted candle and, if you have, an icon of Christ. (If you don't have one, don't worry, I will bring one with me)
- If you have any religious items such as bibles, icons or crosses that you would like to have blessed place them on the table too.
- Make a list of the first names of those family members you wish to pray for, with the living and the deceased in separate columns.
- Pets may be blessed, too! I love pets and am happy to have them run around, but if they will constantly bark, or if they may bite, then perhaps you should secure them.
- Don't fuss too much with details. My house is messy too. (all houses should look lived in)
- Typically it is the head of the household that leads the priest around the home with a lit candle, however children often like to do this job. It shows that they are important in the prayer life of the family.
- Have whomever is leading the procession, flip the light switches on as we bless the home so that I can see where I am going. I can switch them off again for you as we exit.
- House blessings are also a great opportunity for you to get to know your priest and vice-versa. If time permits, after the blessing, offer me a glass of water, tea or juice (I don't drink coffee) and let's get to know one another better.
- There is no "fee". Money is not why I go around to bless homes. I wish to get to know and pray with everyone. You do not have to give me an envelope.



**LITURGICAL  
SINGING  
WITH  
NAMISHA**

### NOTE:

**There is no  
practice  
this  
Thursday.**

**All Thursdays (except this one) at  
7pm, and Sundays at 10am,  
of January & February.**

**All are encouraged to participate**

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| • Sunday, January 12:    | Namisha at DL |
| • Sunday, January 19:    | Namisha at DL |
| • Thursday, January 23:  | Practice      |
| • Sunday, January 26:    | Namisha at DL |
| • Thursday, January 30:  | Practice      |
| • Sunday, February 2:    | Namisha at DL |
| • Thursday, February 6:  | Practice      |
| • Sunday, February 2:    | Namisha at DL |
| • Thursday, February 6:  | Practice      |
| • Sunday, February 9:    | Namisha at DL |
| • Thursday, February 13: | Practice      |
| • Sunday, February 16:   | Namisha at DL |
| • Thursday, February 20: | Practice      |
| • Sunday, February 23:   | Namisha at DL |
| • Thursday, February 27: | Practice      |

DL = Divine Liturgy

## Martyr Tatiana of Rome, and those who suffered with Her

The Holy Virgin Martyr Tatiana was born into an illustrious Roman family, and her father was elected consul three times. He was secretly a Christian and raised his daughter to be devoted to God and the Church. When she reached the age of maturity, Tatiana decided to remain a virgin, betrothing herself to Christ. Disdaining earthly riches, she sought instead the imperishable wealth of Heaven. She was made a deaconess in one of the Roman churches and served God in fasting and prayer, tending the sick and helping the needy.

When Rome was ruled by the sixteen-year-old Alexander Severus (222-235), all power was concentrated in the hands of the regent Ulpian, an evil enemy and persecutor of Christians. Christian blood flowed like water. Tatiana was also arrested, and they brought her into the temple of Apollo to force her to offer sacrifice to the idol. The saint began praying, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The idol was smashed into pieces, and part of the temple collapsed and fell down on the pagan priests and many pagans. The demon inhabiting the idol fled screeching from that place. Those present saw its shadow flying through the air.

Then they tore holy virgin's eyes out with hooks, but she bravely endured everything, praying for her tormentors that the Lord would open their spiritual eyes. And the Lord heard the prayer of His servant. The executioners saw four angels encircle the saint and beat her tormentors. A voice was heard from the heavens speaking to the holy virgin. Eight men believed in Christ and fell on their knees before Saint Tatiana, begging them to forgive them their sin against her. For confessing themselves Christians they were tortured and executed, receiving Baptism by blood.

The next day Saint Tatiana was brought before the wicked judge. Seeing her completely healed of all her wounds, they stripped her and beat her, and slashed her body with razors. A wondrous fragrance then filled the air. Then she was stretched out on the ground and beaten for so long that the servants had to be replaced several times. The torturers became exhausted and said that an invisible power was beating them with iron rods. Indeed, the angels warded off the blows directed at her and turned them upon the tormentors, causing nine of them to fall dead. They then threw the saint in prison, where she prayed all night and sang praises to the Lord with the angels.

A new morning began, and they took Saint Tatiana to the tribunal once more. The torturers beheld with astonishment that after such terrible torments she appeared completely healthy and even more radiant and beautiful than before. They began to urge her to offer sacrifice to the goddess Diana. The



saint seemed agreeable, and they took her to the heathen temple. Saint Tatiana made the Sign of the Cross and began to pray. Suddenly, there was a crash of deafening thunder, and lightning struck the idol, the sacrificial offerings and the pagan priests.

Once again, the martyr was fiercely tortured. She was hung up and scraped with iron claws, and her breasts were cut off. That night, angels appeared to her in prison and healed her wounds as before. On the following day, they took Saint Tatiana to the circus and loosed a hungry lion on her. The beast did not harm the saint, but meekly licked her feet.

As they were taking the lion back to its cage, it killed one of the torturers. They threw Tatiana into a fire, but the fire did not harm the martyr. The pagans, thinking that she was a sorceress, cut her hair to take away her magical powers, then locked her up in the temple of Zeus.

On the third day, pagan priests came to the temple intending to offer sacrifice to Zeus. They beheld the idol on the floor, shattered to pieces, and the holy martyr Tatiana joyously praising the Lord Jesus Christ. The judge then condemned the valiant sufferer to be beheaded with a sword. Her father was also executed with her, because he had raised her to love Christ.

Beginner through Advanced (Adult)  
"St. Photini: the Woman at the Well"

# Iconography Workshop

February 14-17, 2020  
(Family Day Long Weekend)



Camp Oselia Retreats

Camp Oselia CAMPS

July 2 - 4, 2020

# Teen Camp



Eparchial First Solemn Communion Camp



March 20-22, 2020

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July 12 - 17, 2020

# Elementary Camp



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March 26 - 29, 2020

# Teen Lenten Spring Break Retreat



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July 19 - 24, 2020

# Mixed Elementary & Jr. High Camp



Camp Oselia RETREATS

Eparchial Marriage Prep Course

April 17 - 19, 2020



Camp Oselia CAMPS

July 26 - 31, 2020

# Jr. High Camp



Catholic Festival of the Mother of God

Sunday, May 3



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**EEparchy.com or CampOselia.com**

WOULD YOU CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION OF A SILENT AUCTION ITEM?

WHAT A FABULOUS DANCE BAND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>12</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>Parish Kutya</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b>	<b>13</b> Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>14</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b>  <b>5 pm Youth Commission Meeting at Pastoral Centre</b>	<b>15</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b>  <b>Registrations open for Camp Oselia</b> <b>5 pm Religious Education Commission Meeting at Pastoral Centre</b>	<b>16</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b>  <b>NO</b> Singing with Namisha this Thursday (she is not available)  <b>WCACYM Meetings &amp; Sessions</b> Luba Genyk's Birthday	<b>17</b> <b>WCACYM Meetings &amp; Sessions</b>  <b>Melkites use hall in the evening</b>	<b>18</b> <b>5 pm English Divine Liturgy (for Sunday) with the WCACYM people (all welcome)</b> <b>WCACYM Banquet in our hall to follow Liturgy</b> Olga Hapak's Birthday
<b>19</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> Fr. Bo visitation with the Ruff Family	<b>20</b> Peter Sontrop's Birthday Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>21</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b> Adam Ostopowich's Birthday	<b>22</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b>	<b>23</b> <b>House Blessing Day</b>  <b>Singing with Namisha at 7:00 pm</b> Marta Dashkewytch's Birthday	<b>24</b> <b>All day: Large School Retreat at St. Josaphat's and Sacred Heart lead by Fr. Bo &amp; others</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b> <b>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</b> <b>Melkites meal</b>	<b>27</b> Fr. Bo's Evening Family Time	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>5pm Our First: "Community Night"?</b> 	<b>30</b> <b>5pm Our First: "Community Night"?</b>   <b>Singing with Namisha at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Melkites use hall in the evening</b>  Donna Koziak's Birthday	<b>1</b>





## Our First: “Community Soup Night”

We have been thinking about this for a long time, and now is the time to make some plans. Our neighbourhood has many people in it that are less fortunate. Many of them are homeless and hungry, and all of them are God-given gifts to us.

Christ commands his disciples when they see hungry people in the gospel about the loaves and fishes, to **“GO FEED THEM YOURSELVES”**. So here we are, a parish of Christ’s disciples, and we too see hungry people. Should we not also feed those hungry people we see?

The obvious answer is: Yes. We might not be able to fill everyone’s needs with what we have. Or can we? This is what the disciples thought too. But God took their effort and made it work. Over 5000 men were fed plus women and children!

As a parish we will be opening our doors for the first time to do a “Community Night”. This will include a shortened version of Vespers (like they do at the “Welcome Home” in Winnipeg) and a bowl of soup. Maybe a bun too. That is it. We will sit down at tables with strangers, whomever comes, and eat with them.

Will this go over well? Maybe yes, maybe not. Probably it will. It is a simple plan.

If 5 people come, good. If 50 come, wow, that’s very good. If 100 come... we will run out of soup and bowls (unless Jesus does His thing again), but, oh well, so be it. We will know to cook more soup next time.

The current plan is to have some young people from our parish and other parishes with their parents cook up a big pot or two of soup. Whatever people bring, that is what our soup will contain. (yes, we will do some pre-planning too) With the help of a few seminarians and whatever people come from our own and from our sister parishes, we will pray together, and eat together. Then we bid our new friends goodbye, lock up, fire up the dish washer and mop the floors.

Then we look at what went well and what we will need to change. Then we do it again. (when we are ready)

I plan to let people know about it by telling the staff at Our Lady of Peace School, and maybe putting it on the outdoor sign that we have (if I can find the key for it again).

**5pm ...? 6 pm...? Which night should we do it on?** Well, the plan is to do it at the end of this month. Wednesdays or Thursdays tend to work best for Fr. Bo, so... **let’s talk about it after Liturgy today** (at the Kutya).

(If it is Thursday: likely “Liturgical Singing with Namisha” will be either unaffected or slightly delayed.)

# Parish & Eparchial News:

- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Fr. Bill Hupalo, Miranda Mayko, Jean Miskew, Sarah Komar, Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, John Puto, Ann Horsman, Louis Pewar & Rosa Maria Santos.** (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- We wish God's blessings and **happy birthday** to our parishioner: **Luba Genyk** and **Olga Hapak** who's birthdays are this week. May God grant you all many years!
- If we don't have **your birthday**, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with your corrected birthdate and name.
- The UCWLC of our parish will be having their Annual General Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. All UCWLC members are requested to attend
- The **First Solemn Communion Camp** at Camp Oselia will be our parish's FSC program. If your child is in or near grade 2 and ready to receive their sacraments, please contact Fr. Bo.
- Coming soon: Parish Photo Directory project... no details yet.
- There will be a **Saturday Night English Divine Liturgy on January 18<sup>th</sup>** in our parish (time to be determined). This is to accommodate the participants of the Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers (WCACYM), who will be having a banquet in our hall afterwards. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us for this liturgy.
- The **Ukrainian Musical Society of Alberta** will hold its annual **Concert of Carols**, 3:00 pm, Sunday, **January 26**, at Saint Josaphat Cathedral.
- Each year the Edmonton and District Council of Churches organizes an ecumenical celebration to coincide with the annual worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's Ecumenical Prayer Service, hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, will take place on Sunday, January 19, from 7:00-9:00 pm at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 334 Knottwood Road North NW, Edmonton. This year's theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. The international resources for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Malta. The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and throughout the year 2019 were jointly prepared and published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches. Local resources for Canada can be accessed at (week of [prayer.ca](http://prayer.ca)). Join Bishop David and other Ecumenical Leaders as we pray for Christian unity!

## Our Current Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Pastor	Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
Chair	Simon Pryma
Vice Chair	John Vizza
Vice Chair	Iryna Laschuk
Treasurer	Alex Schabel
Secretary	Sharon Lonsberry
Past Chair	Helen Sirman
Director 3 year	Sharilynn Shakeshaft
Director 2 year	Steve Konowalec
Director 1 year	Jordan Schabel
UCWLC Pres.	Virginia Sharek
Finance Committee Chair	Iryna Laschuk
Treasurer	Alex Schabel
Member	Sheila Leiding
Member	Jonathan Sharek

- Our parish's **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> after the Liturgy. All parishioners are requested to join us for this important meeting. The following is the current **proposed slate for the 2020 PPC** that might be elected at this meeting. As always nominations can be raised from the floor. (if I made some mistakes remembering this list they will be fixed for next Sunday's bulletin.)

Pastor	Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
Chair	?
Vice Chair	Greg Ostopowich
Vice Chair	Don Kwas
Vice Chair	Jordan Schabel
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UCWLC Pres.	To be elected Jan 19
Finance Committee Chair	Alex Schabel
Treasurer	Sheila Leiding
Member	Iryna Laschuk
Member	Jonathan Sharek

- After the AGM Fr. Bo will appoint people to head various committees such as Liturgical, Outreach, Communications, Maintenance and others... Let him know if you are willing to help.



**What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a bicycle and a nicely dressed man on a tricycle?  
"A tire"**



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"St. Photini: the Woman at the Well"  
**Iconography  
Workshop**

February 14-17, 2020  
(Family Day Long Weekend)



The following is a response I gave someone who was inquiring about the upcoming Iconography Workshop.

## You might have the same Questions for this FAMILY DAY WEEKEND Icon Writing Retreat. I'd love to have you.

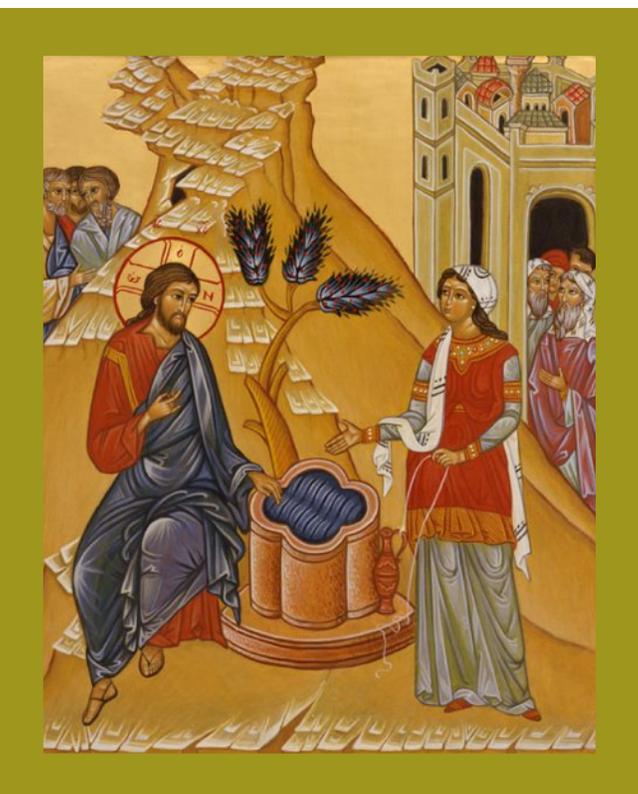
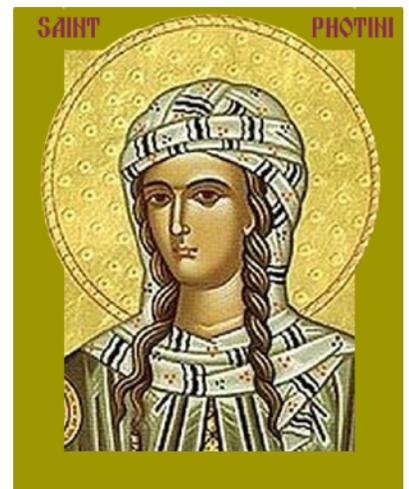
Dear "so-and-so",

There is indeed room for you if you wish to join us. We'd love to have you.

You can register at the following website (Eventbrite) or by visiting our Ukr. Cath. Pastoral Centre (which will save you the EventBrite fees). <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/icon-workshop-tickets-86772443715>

If you register online it will ask you a few questions. If you want to do it in person then I need to know your Name, Email, Mobile Phone, Gender, Experience:  Beginner (0-5 icons),  Some Experience (5-10),  Intermediate (11-50), or  Advanced (50+ icons), Any medical or dietary info that we should know about, an Emergency Contact, and their phone

If you have limited experience then you will likely be painting something like the simpler image (above). For those with Intermediate or advanced experience you will get to paint the whole scene with Christ, St. Photini, the well, the city, etc... (left)



Ummm... what else can I tell you? I anticipate using every minute of our time as effectively as we can, however we will leave a little time for walking around and reflection in "God's Playground". We will pray together in the morning and evening, and we will eat simple food that we will throw into the oven ourselves (or stir up on the stove) (...a cook would raise the price for us...). Beds are comfortable, but you will need to bring your own bedding / blankets. Most likely we will all have our own rooms.

The price is \$650, this includes all supplies, food and lodging.

I will be out at the camp early on Friday (noon-ish) and I would encourage everyone to arrive as they are able. Once everyone is there, we will begin (I am picturing about 6-6:30). The retreat/workshop will continue till we are done on Monday. Likely this will be in the afternoon, perhaps as late as supper.... It depends on all of you.

If you have any other questions do not hesitate to call me on my cell: 780-340-3726

Fr. Bo

# It would be great for you to join us too!

# Changeable Parts for today's Liturgy

## Antiphon I

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

*Through the prayers...*

The sea beheld this and fled,\* the Jordan turned back on its course.

Through the prayers...

Why was it, O sea, that you fled,\* that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course?

*Through the prayers...*

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

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## Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, baptized by John...

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, baptized by John...

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## Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, baptized by John...

**Troparion, Tone 6:** Angelic powers were upon Your tomb\* and the guards became like dead men;\* Mary stood before Your tomb\* seeking Your most pure body.\* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.\* You met the Virgin and granted life.\* O Lord, risen from the dead,\* glory be to You!

**Troparion:** When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan,\* worship of the Trinity was revealed;\* the voice of the Father bore witness to You,\* naming You the beloved Son,\* and the Spirit in the

form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty.\* Glory to You, O Christ God,\* who appeared and enlightened the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion:** With His life-giving hand\* Christ our God, the Giver of life,\* raised all the dead from the murky abyss\* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.\* He is for all the Saviour,\* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion:** Today, You have appeared to the world\* and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us,\* who with knowledge sing Your praises.\* You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

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## Prokeimenon:

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us\* as we have hoped in you.

**verse:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

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## Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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## Alleluia:

**verse:** Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

**verse:** For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

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## Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by 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 proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

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## Hymn to the Mother of God and the Irmos:

O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.

Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you.

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## Communion Hymn:

The grace of God has appeared\* bringing salvation to all.\* Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

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## Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan.

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## Instead of "May our mouths..." and "Blessed be the Name..." we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is baptized in the Jordan. **(3x)**