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Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world//
great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 4)

The river Jordan was turned back by the mantle of Elisha, after Elijah had been taken up to heaven. The waters were parted in two, and the stream became a dry path. This was truly a type of baptism, by which we pass over the stream of life.//Christ has shone forth in the Jordan to sanctify the waters.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs//they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

January 05, 2014

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3.

EVE OF THEOPHANY. Sunday before
Theophany.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

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

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Emma Burychka, Lena Robovitsky, Albrecht family, Millie O’Shura, Macalush family, Melanie Albrecht, Witiak family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Departed: John Slivka, John O’Shura, Elizabeth Bray. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Monday	Festal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Reading of the Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy.</i>

I Corinthians 9:19-27

For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you. Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Luke 3:1-18

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?" He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you." Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages." Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire. And with many other exhortations he preached to the people.

Weekly Financial Statement (12/29/13)

Attendance: 32

Money In: not reported

Money Out: not reported

Net Total: not reported

Announcements

Bible Study

The next Bible Study will be Thursday, January 16, at church at 6:00 p.m.. We will continue our examination of St. Paul by reviewing the following texts: I Thessalonians, Romans, I Corinthians, Galatians, and Philippians. Please read these epistles before our meeting!

Theology Course

Please consult the sign-up sheet for the theology course I will be offering. Anyone is welcome to join the class.

Church School

There will be church school today. The children will continue this week by learning about Christ's baptism and the feast of Theophany.