



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **JANUARY 3, 2021 / SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY (TONE 5)**

#### TODAY'S SAINTS

**Forefeast of Theophany.** St. Genevieve of Paris; Prophet Malachi; Martyr Gordius of Caesarea-in-Cappadocia; St. Acacius the Wonderworker, of Mount Latros; Hieromartyr Daniel, Bishop of Padua; St. Anterus, Pope of Rome; Hieromartyr Florentius, Bishop of Vienne; St. Bertilia of Mareuil; St. Euthymius of Tbilisi, 'Man of God'

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

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.

#### FOREFEAST TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Prepare, O Zebulon, / and adorn yourself, 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 yourself 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.

#### TROPARION OF ST. GENEVIEVE IN TONE ONE

O Shepherdess who guards the sheep at Nanterre against the horde of wolves and the Scourge of God, / thou dost protect the city of the Parisians. / O St Genevieve, do not forget to guard thy spiritual sheep even now, // from heaven where thou livest after death.

#### KONTAKION OF PROPHET MALACHI IN TONE FOUR

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.

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

#### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FIVE

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!"

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

#### FOREFEAST KONTAKION IN TONE ONE

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."

## PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!  
*v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

## THE EPISTLE

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (4:5-8)**

My son Timothy, you 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 IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us.  
v. That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all the nations.*

## THE GOSPEL

### **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 the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of V. Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz after today's Divine Liturgy.

## TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by offered Tais Fedetz in memory of V. Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz (16th anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Gregory Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **St. John's Cross** offered by the Suchowacki Family in memory of Antonina Rotko. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Elizabeth Zuber in memory of Walter and Mary Milk.

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

6:00 PM (Tuesday) – Vigil w. Lity  
9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy w. Great Blessing of Water  
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers  
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy