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JANUARY 2, 2022 / SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY (TONE 3)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

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.

FOREFEAST TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

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.

TROPARION OF ST. SERAPHIM IN TONE FOUR

Thou didst love Christ from thy youth, O blessed one, / and, longing to work for Him alone, thou didst struggle in the wilderness in constant prayer and labor. / With penitent heart and great love for Christ thou wast favored by the Mother of God. / Therefore, we cry to thee: // “Save us by thy prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!”

- *Sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

On this day Thou didst rise 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 Thy power.

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

FOREFEAST TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

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.

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

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.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (5:22-6:2)

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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.

v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

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."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:17-23)

And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Today's Parastas is offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of V. Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz. Вічна Пам'ять!
Memory Eternal!

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on January 2nd: St. Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov; St. Sylvester I, Pope of Rome; St. Juliana of Lazarevo; Hieromartyr Theogenes, Bishop of Parium on the Hellespont; St. Martinianus, Archbishop of Milan; St. Adalard of Corbie; St. Sylvester of the Kiev-Caves.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angelo Cusano, Jr. **Sacramental Bread** offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of V. Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz.

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

BLESSING OF HOMES

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic (especially with the new wave of the omicron variant spreading), annual house blessings are not recommended this year. However, if you want your house blessed this year regardless, Fr. Sophrony will come. Call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 to make an appointment.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The installation of the new Parish Council, and the next parish council meeting, is scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 2022.

"When love has carried us above all things into the Divine Dark, there we are transformed by the Eternal Word Who is the image of the Father; and as the air is penetrated by the sun, thus we receive in peace the Incomprehensible Light, enfolding us, and penetrating us."

- *John Ruysbroeck (1293-1381)*