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*Diocese of the South*

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## **January 8, 2017**

**29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany.** Ven. George the Chozebite, Abbot (6th c.). Ven. Domnica of Constantinople (474). St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (9th c.). Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1093). Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev (Estonia—1472). St. Paisius of Uglich (1504). Hieromartyr Carterius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (304). Martyrs Theophilus the Deacon, and Helladius, in Libya (4th c.). Martyrs Julian and his wife, Basilissa, and with them Marcionilla, her son Celsus, Anthony, Anastasius, 7 children and 20 soldiers, at Antioch in Egypt (313). Ven. Elias the Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyr Abo the Perfumer, of Tiflis (Georgia—790).

### **Upcoming Divine Services and Ministry**

Saturday, January 7, 4:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Weather may alter schedule)
6:00pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, January 8, 9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Hours, Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, January 10, 7:00am	Matins
9:00am	Homeschool Co-op
Wednesday, January 11, 4:30pm	After School Music Workshop
7:00pm	Vespers
8:00pm	Catechism
Thursday, January 12, 6:50am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour, Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 13, 7:00pm	Little Compline with Canon of Supplication
Saturday, January 14, 6:00pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, January 15, 9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Hours, Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, January 17, 7:00am	Festal Matins (Anthony the Great)
9:00am	Homeschool Co-op
Wednesday, January 18, 4:30pm	After School Music Workshop
7:00pm	Vespers
8:00pm	Catechism
Thursday, January 19, 6:50am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour, Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 20, 7:00pm	Little Compline with Canon of Supplication
Saturday, January 21, 6:00pm	Great Vespers
Sunday, January 22, 9:00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Hours, Divine Liturgy

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**The Primate of the Orthodox Church in America is His Beatitude, The Most-Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada. Our Bishop is His Grace, the Right Reverend Alexander, Bishop of Dallas and the South, and the Bulgarian Diocese.**

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Another **Women's Retreat** is being planned during the period of the pre-Lent Sundays. Keep the morning of Saturday, February 11 open, with the 18<sup>th</sup> as a reschedule date if necessary. Matushka Lauren (Macrina) Pulley will lead the retreat again.

The members of the Parish Council will be installed following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 22. The first Parish Council meeting will be on Sunday, January 29, at which the officers will be elected.

When there is an anniversary of the death of a friend or loved one, you may certainly ask for a Panakhida to be offered for them on that date. If the date falls on a Sunday, usually we offer the Panakhida on Saturday before the Vespers. Also, a Panakhida may be offered from time to time on a Saturday for general commemorations. Remember that the Saturdays of Great Lent offer special emphasis for the departed. We should remember those who have departed this life before us. Don't hesitate to make arrangements.

During the month of January, Fr. David will preside for the services at St. Tikhon Mission, Chattanooga, TN, the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. While there, he will preside over their annual meeting. Fr. David will need to preside at St. Tikhon Mission from time to time as they continue without an assigned priest.

As we celebrate the Feast of Holy Theophany and rejoice in the wonder of our Lord, who being immaterial as the eternally generated (begotten) One, became material in the womb of the Theotokos, and as the God-man sanctified matter. Submitting himself to baptism at the hands of the prophet and forerunner, John, The God who created water is baptized in water, and we remember that act by keeping this feast and asking the Holy Spirit to sanctify the waters that we gather before, both indoors and outdoors, drawing from it, drinking it, and sprinkling everything with this water. It is most meaningful to take water sanctified during this feast and have a priest come and perform a simple extension of the festal service (singing the Troparion and making a few petitions) in our homes and sprinkling each room with the sanctified water. **Try to make an appointment for this to happen in your home during the eight days of the feast – January 6 – January 14.** If it is necessary, we can continue to do this through January 29 (the Sunday we hear the Gospel reading about Zacchaeus). Fr. David and Fr. Patrick will be available for appointments. Using an online sign-up tool, everyone will be able to sign up for a time to have the house blessing. Either Fr. David or Father Patrick will keep the appointment. If you are unable to use the online sign-up, please make an appointment by calling Fr. David, (804)317-2879. The link to the sign-up will be sent by email.

The Building Committee will meet on Sunday, January 22, following the Church School.

We are only a couple weeks away from hearing the Gospel reading about Zacchaeus, the reading that precedes the pre-Lent readings and themes that help us to be prepared for the coming Great Lent and our journey to the Cross, Burial and Resurrection of our Lord, according to the Scriptures. Every day offers us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for a holy season such as this, even as it offers us the opportunity to be prepared for the One who is coming unannounced, "as a thief in the night." Let's shake off the sleepy slumber of sin today, prepare ourselves today and every day for Christ and His Kingdom. This means making the effort to be "a holy people" doing work that is pleasing to God, turning away from sin, and looking confidently for His Kingdom.

#### **Tone 4 Troparion** (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,//  
granting the world great mercy!”

#### **Tone 1 Troparion of the Feast**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,  
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.  
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,  
and called Thee His beloved Son;  
and the Spirit in the form of a dove  
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.  
O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//  
and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

#### **Tone 4 Kontakion** (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master,//  
He has risen on the third day!

#### **Tone 4 Kontakion of the Feast**

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord,  
and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.  
Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises:  
“Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,//  
O unapproachable Light.”

#### **Tone 1 Prokeimenon** (Sunday after Theophany)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!  
(Ps 32/33:22)

*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)*

#### **Epistle** Ephesians 4:7-13 (Sunday after Theophany)

#### **Tone 5** (Sunday after Theophany) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy*

*truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)*

*v: For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)*

**Gospel** Matthew 4:12-17 (*Sunday after Theophany*)

### **Hymn to the Theotokos**

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos,  
more honorable than the heavenly hosts!  
No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos;  
even Angels are overcome with awe praising thee.  
But since thou art good, accept our faith;  
for thou knowest our love inspired by God!  
Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

### **Communion Hymns**

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. (*Titus 2:11*)  
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!*

***Only those who are baptized Orthodox Christians making preparation by fasting and a recent confession should approach to receive Holy Communion.*** *Confession (the Mystery of Repentance) is always available, only needing communicate one's need with the priest and making arrangement to participate in this Holy Mystery. It is always assumed that following the Vigil or Great Vespers (or other services at the Church during the week) time is available for those prepared to offer their confession. Again, one only need ask so that it may be done. When a second priest is serving on Sunday morning, their may be time before or at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, but this must not be assumed to be available, but communicated with the priest. It is almost always impossible for a single priest to provide time for confessions on Sunday morning without making effort to amend his routine for the traditional prayers, which He may be willing and able to do, but this should not be assumed.*

**GREAT VESPERS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00PM ON SATURDAY FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. Also, there will be a choir practice from week to week after Great Vespers (see bulletin or check with Anna Arnold).**

Subscribe to the **Google Group** [stcyprianofcarthageoca@googlegroups.com](mailto:stcyprianofcarthageoca@googlegroups.com) to send and receive email among subscribers to the group. Announcements may be made from time to time to the google group as well as the parish email list – which means you will receive two of the same email.