



## NEWSLETTER & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

**32nd Week after Pentecost**

Monday, January 24 — Sunday, January 30, 2022



**Martyr Tatiana of Rome**



**St. Nina,  
equal-to-the-Apostles,  
enlightener of Georgia**



**Venerable Anthony the  
Great**

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## ~ A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN ~

The Father was revealed to the sense of hearing; the Spirit was revealed to the sense of sight, and in addition to these, the Son was revealed to the sense of touch. The Father uttered His witness about the Son, the Son was baptized in the water, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove hovered above the water. When John the Baptist witnessed and said about Christ, “Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world” (John 1:29), and when John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation was shown. That is to say: The Lord took upon Himself the sins of mankind and died under them [immersion] and became alive again [the coming out of the water]; and we must die as the old sinful man and become alive again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation.

-St. Nikolai Velimirovich on Holy Theophany

Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!

— Fr. John

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## ~ TWITTER SUMMARY ~

***The main points from Sunday’s sermon, in 280 characters or less!***

Theophany this year was mystically moved to the weekend this year due to extenuating circumstances. We are thankful that we are able to celebrate the baptism of our Lord by blessing the waters of the ocean. We pray that this will bring blessing to everyone who goes into the waters for the rest of the year!

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**~ THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY ~**

*Scripture and liturgical readings to enrich your prayer life every day of the week*

<p align="center"><b>~ MONDAY ~</b> <b>(1/24)</b></p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Venerable Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch (529)</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>St. Theodosius the Coenobiarch,</b> <b>Troparion, Tone VIII —</b> With the streams of thy tears thou didst irrigate the barren desert,/ and with sighs from the depths of thy soul thou didst render thy labors fruitful an hundredfold./ Thou wast a beacon for the whole world, radiating miracles.// O our father Theodosius, entreat Christ God that our souls be saved.</p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Venerable Matthew 11:27-30 Venerable</p>	<p align="center"><b>~ TUESDAY~</b> <b>(1/25)</b></p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Martyr Tatiana of Rome (226-235)</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Kontakion of the Martyr Tatiana of</b> <b>Rome, Tone IV, "Thou hast appeared today"</b> — Thou didst shine forth radiantly in thy suffering,/ O passion-bearer, adorned with thy blood,/ and like a beautiful turtle-dove thou hast soared aloft/ to the heavens, O Tatiana.// Wherefore, pray thou ever for those who honor thee.</p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> Hebrews 12:25-26; 13:22-25 Mark 10:2-12</p>
<p align="center"><b>~ WEDNESDAY~</b> <b>(1/26)</b></p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus at Belgrade (315)</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Holy Martyrs Hermylus &amp; Stratonicus,</b> <b>Troparion, Tone IV —</b> In their sufferings, O Lord,/ Thy martyrs received imperishable crowns from Thee our God;/ for, possessed of Thy might,/ they set at nought the tormentors and crushed the feeble audacity of the demons.// By their supplications save Thou our souls.</p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> James 1:1-18 Mark 10:11-16</p>	<p align="center"><b>~ THURSDAY~</b> <b>(1/27)</b></p> <p><b>Commemoration of the Day:</b> St. Nina (Nino), equal-to-the-Apostles, enlightener of Georgia (335)</p> <p><b>Excerpt from the Menaion:</b> <b>Saint Nina, Equal of the Apostles and</b> <b>Enlightener of Iberia, Troparion, Tone IV —</b> O Holy Nina, equal of the apostles, minister of the word of God, who emulated the first called Andrew and the other apostles in apostolic preaching, enlightener of Iberia and harp of the Holy Spirit: entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.</p> <p><b>Holy Scripture:</b> 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 St. Nina Matthew 25:1-13 St. Nina</p>

~ FRIDAY ~  
(1/28)

**Commemoration of the Day:**

St. Paul of Thebes, Egypt (341), and St. John Calabytes ("Hut-dweller") of Constantinople, monks (450)

**Excerpt from the Menaion:**

*Ss. Paul of Thebes & John the Hut-Dweller, Troparion, Tone IV —*

*O God of our fathers,/ deal with us ever according to Thy meekness./ Deprive us not of Thy mercy,/ but through their supplications// direct our life in peace.*

**Holy Scripture:**

James 2:1-13  
Mark 10:23-32

~ SATURDAY ~  
(1/29)

**Commemoration of the Day:**

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter

**Excerpt from the Menaion:**

*The Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy Pre-eminent Apostle Peter, Troparion, Tone IV —*

*Without leaving Rome thou art come to us in the precious chains which thou didst bear, O first-enthroned of the apostles; and, bowing down before them with faith we pray: through thy supplications unto God grant us great mercy!*

**Holy Scripture:**

Acts 12:1-11 Apostle  
John 21:15-25 Apostle

~ SUNDAY ~  
(1/30)

**Commemoration of the Day:**

Venerable Anthony the Great (356)

**Excerpt from the Menaion:**

*St. Anthony the Great, Troparion, Tone IV —*

*Emulating the demeanor of the zealous Elijah, and following the Baptist with forthright steps, O father Anthony, thou wast a dweller in the desert, and hast made the whole world steadfast by thy supplications. Wherefore, entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.*

**Holy Scripture:**

Hebrews 13:17-21 Venerable Anthony  
Luke 6:17-23 Venerable Anthony

*"Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, their words unto the ends of the world."*

[Prokeimenon of Pentecost, Tone 8, Liturgy]

**To read more:**

<https://www.holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/>

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## ~ PONDER THIS ~

*A few thoughts to ponder in light of this week's lessons and sermons.*

### DISCOURSE ON THE DAY OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

<https://orthochristian.com/51005.html>

And the baptism of John was far more sublime than the Jewish, but less so than ours: it was like a bridge between both baptisms, leading across itself from the first to the last. Wherefore John did not give guidance for observance of bodily purifications, but together with them he exhorted and advised to be converted from vice to good deeds and to trust in the hope of salvation and the accomplishing of good deeds, rather than in different washings and purifications by water. John did not say: wash your clothes, wash your body, and ye will be pure, but what?—Bear ye fruits worthy of repentance (Mt 3:8).

Since it was more than of the Jews, but less than ours: the baptism of John did not impart the Holy Spirit and it did not grant forgiveness by grace: it gave the commandment to repent, but it was powerless to absolve sins. Wherefore John did also say: I baptise you with water...That One however will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Mt 3:11). Obviously, he did not baptise with the Spirit. But what does this mean: with the Holy Spirit and with fire? Call to mind that day, on which for the Apostles There appeared disparate tongues like fire, and sat over each one of them (Acts 2:3)

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## ~LOOK IT UP ~

**Did you know:** in antiquity, and even today in the liturgical books, the feast of the Theophany of the Lord is referred to as the Day of the Enlightenment.

**Read more:** <https://orthochristian.com/58893.html>

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**~ PRAYER CORNER ~**

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- Alexander Dubravka
- Oleg
- Sr Verena
- Vaughn
- Corbet
- Archbishop Benjamin
- Archpriest Anthony
- Archpriest Michael
- Fr John & Mat Deborah
- John Westley

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To submit **commemorations for the next Divine Liturgy**, to make an appointment with Fr. John to give **confession by telephone**, to alert us to any pastoral needs, to submit an item for the **Prayer Corner**, or just to chat, please contact Fr. John or Mat. Deborah using the following contact information:

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**Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!**