

# Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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## **CHRIST IS BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN! AND WE WITH HIM!**

**32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST . Ven. Macarius of Mt. Athos (1431).**

**PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:** Those in need – Fr. Samuel, Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Fr. Anthony, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, George, Paul, Pearl, William, Karen, John, Mary, Stavros, Theona, Nickolas, Timothy, Theresa, Judy, Delani, Jeremiah, Megan, Mary The Homebound... Ann, Tanya, Richard, Helen, Ruth, William, Claudia... Travelers... Catechumens and Inquirers – Grace and Christian, Bill and Kathy ... Military servers... Greg ... Newly Departed – Josephine Olnvik – Marilyn Filipos, Irene Hoovler,, ... Departed Orthodox Catherine, John B., John S., Nickoli, Ann, Katherine, Vernon, Paul, James, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests... Gilbert, Anthony, Ian, Paul, Daleen, James, Sean, Liam, Susan, James, Joel, Jen, Roger, Jasmine, Cassandra, Raquel, Zera, Kim, Jim, Margaret, Loren, Nick, Russell ....

### The First Antiphon

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, (*Ps.113/114:1*)

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion. (*ibid., v. 2*)

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. (*ibid., v. 3*)

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back? (*ibid., v. 5*)

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

### The Second Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. (*Ps.114/116:1/1*)

*Refrain:* O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Because He inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (*ibid., v. 2*)

*Refrain:* O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord. (*ibid., vv. 3-4*)

*Refrain:* O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord; our God is merciful. (*ibid., v. 5*)

*Refrain:* O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

### The Third Antiphon

v. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*Ps. 117/118:1*)

#### Tone 1 Troparion of the Feast

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.

For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son;

and the Spirit in the form of a dove

confirmed the truthfulness of His word.

O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, //

and have enlightened the world, glory to You.

v. Let the house of Israel now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*ibid., v. 2*)

v. Let the house of Aaron now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*ibid., v. 3*)

v. Let those who fear the Lord now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*ibid., v. 4*)

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#### Tone 4 Kontakion of the Feast

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.

Knowing You, we sing Your praises.

You have come and revealed Yourself, //

O unapproachable Light.

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

#### Tone 4 Prokeimenon

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (*Ps 117/118:27*)

v: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. (*Ps 117/118:1*)

v: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams. (*Ps 28:1*)

v: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters. (*Ps 28:3*)

## Today's Scripture Readings:

### **Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 (Epistle)**

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### **Matthew 3:13-17 (Gospel)**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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## UPCOMING

Today --Blessing of Cussawego Creek following Liturgy-  
please process with us to the blessing if you are able.  
—Church School - Catechism of the Good Shepherd

### Holy Services:

- + Today Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – The Blessing of French Creek –  
3:00pm – Bicentennial Park Meadville, PA
- +Sat. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of Lake Erie- 12:00 Bayfront.  
Join us with St. Nickolas OC.
- +Wed. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> - Great Vespers for St. Anthony the  
Great 6:00pm
- +Thurs. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> - Divine Liturgy - 9:30am

### Holy Actions:

+**Missions Team** will be collecting for the "Victims of Human trafficking" sponsored by the Saxonburg monastery. And we will continue to collect food pantry items for EU. See the donation Tree in the Hall or see Anna R. or Debbie K. for more details.

---Also, There are OCMC summer mission trip scholarships available for anyone interested. See board in hall for more information on trips or see [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org)

+**Hospitality Team** requests that all food donations for Coffee Hour follow the fasts of the Church found on the calendar. See Marie or Christine to sign up for coffee hour.

+**Outreach Team** invites everyone to attend the Blessing of French Creek at Bicentennial Park in Meadville at 3pm, please bring a friend and we will meet at the Voodoo Brewery following the service.

+**Orthodox Education Team** invites anyone who does not have a holy water container to take one for your own courtesy of the parish children. (In vestibule)

+Tuesday Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council Meeting - 6pm

+Monday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> – Ladies Altar Society Meeting – 11am  
Edinboro Fire hall

### Holy Events:

+Welcome to Fr. Joseph Gall serving with us today!

+A new Parish Directory is being compiled. Please fill out the form and drop it in the basket in the vestibule.

+Blessing of homes begins following today's service. Please schedule with Fr. Daniel on a time convenient.

+Monday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> - Choir Party – Terry Jouver's Home

+Sat. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - Prolife Breakfast - 9:00am

### Holy Words:

No matter how much we may study, it is not possible to come to know God unless we live according to His commandments, for God is not known by science, but by the Holy Spirit. Many philosophers and learned men came to the belief that God exists, but they did not know God. It is one thing to believe that God exists and another to know Him. If someone has come to know God by the Holy Spirit, his soul will burn with love for God day and night, and his soul cannot be bound to any earthly thing. (St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, VIII.3)

A man becomes spiritual insofar as he lives a spiritual life. He begins to see God in all things, to see His power and might in every manifestation. Always and everywhere he sees himself abiding in God and dependent on God for all things. But insofar as a man lives a bodily life, so much he does he do bodily things; He doesn't see God in anything, even in the most wondrous manifestations of His Divine power. In all things he sees body, material, everywhere and always - "God is not before his eyes." (Ps. 35:2)  
(St. John of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ, 1.5)