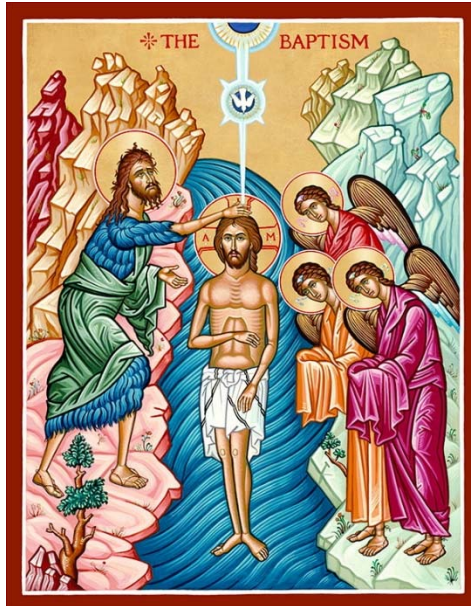


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Sunday, January 8, 2023

Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

**Righteous Mother Domnica
of Constantinople and her companions;
Venerable George the Chozebite**

Celebrant: Fr. Ben Kjendal

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE: Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE: When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: O ye foremost of the heavenly host, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy. Pray that we may be encompassed with the shadow of thy unearthly glory. Preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly. Deliver us from oppression since Ye are the princes of the highest power.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR: On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

TRISAGION PRAYER

English Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us

Arabic Qudoos El Laah, Qudoos El Qawi, Qudoos El Lathi La Yamoot, Urhamnah

Greek Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, Eyleison Imas

Russian Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas

The Mission of St Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church is to love and worship God, to grow closer to Him, and to proclaim and to spread the Good News of the salvation of Jesus Christ to our parishioners, our neighbors and people everywhere.

We worship and pray in English. We experience the beauty and joy of living the Holy Orthodox Christian faith – sharing love and fellowship, teaching and leading by example, growing together through service, education, stewardship and forgiveness.

A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *Since we understand Communion to mean we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all present to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service.*

UNLESS YOU ARE INJURED OR UNABLE, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING DURING COMMUNION

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, January 7**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, January 8**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church school
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Wednesday, January 11**
 - 7:00 PM Paraklesis Service
- **Saturday, January 14**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, January 15**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church school
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

*****In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen*****

PLEASE SEE ST MICHAEL HAPPENINGS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS & CHARITABLE NEEDS OVER THE COMING WEEKS. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!

***** DON'T FORGET NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR FOOD PANTRY *****

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

***Our People are our Choir! We love to hear you sing with us! WELCOME!
We are glad to have you worship with us today!***

Father Ben Kjendal is available to visit with you in your home for pastoral care, counseling and inquiries regarding Orthodoxy by appointment. His cell number is (978) 397-3285.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday after Theophany of Christ)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE
ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

Gift Ideas

Please support Women's Group with your purchase of our Cookbooks that include our family memories and pictures (\$30 each or 2 for \$50). We also have Angel Greeting Cards - a pack of 8 Holy Archangels as drawn by our own iconographer, Zarina Sheglov, for only \$10 a set!

The Special Convention of the Antiochian Archdiocese is set for Friday, January 13, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas-DFW International Airport (American Airlines, Terminal C). Voting delegates will nominate candidates for the Archdiocese's next Metropolitan-Archbishop.

Each delegate gets one ballot and will choose ONE name from the list of eligible candidates. This list has been approved by the Patriarch and the Holy Synod of Antioch in consultation with the Patriarchal Vicar and the Archdiocese Board of Trustees.

List of Candidates for Nomination to the Office of Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America:

- Metropolitan Saba (Isber) of Houran
- Bishop Thomas (Joseph)
- Bishop Alexander (Mufarrij)
- Bishop John (Abdalah)
- Bishop Anthony (Michaels)
- Bishop Nicholas (Ozone)
- Archimandrite Maximos (Jamal)
- Archimandrite Jeremy (Davis)
- Archimandrite Michael (Razzouk)

THE SYNAXARION

On January 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Theophany of our Lord, and commemorate our righteous mother Domnica of Carthage, who became illustrious in Constantinople.

Verses

Heaven-minded Domnica, the earth forsaking, according to her love, to Heaven ascended. On the eighth, the gloomy night of mortal doom took her of dominical name.

A pagan, Domnica went from Carthage to Constantinople in the reign of the Emperor Theodosius to Patriarch Nektarios, accompanied by four girls who were likewise ignorant of God. He baptized them and blessed them to live as nuns. Domnica devoted herself to asceticism with whole-hearted zeal, and did not falter right up to the time of her death at a great age in about the year 474. By the illumination of the Holy Spirit, Domnica was able to predict the future and perform miracles through prayer.

On this day, we also commemorate our Venerable Father George the Chozebite. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
