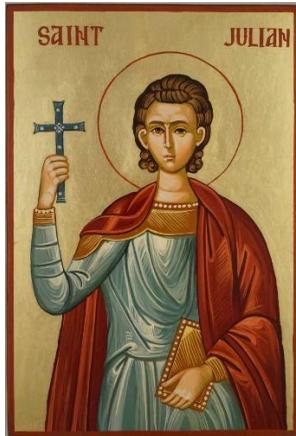



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DIVINE LITURGY—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022, TONE 8/EOTHINON 1 1
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
AFTER-FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF CHRIST;
THE MARTYR AND HEALER JULIAN OF HOMS
BOUKOLOS, BISHOP OF SMYRNA; PHOTIOS THE GREAT, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE



THE FIRST ANTIPHON (*Psalm 44:1,2*)

+ *My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.*

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

+ *My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe. (Refrain)*

+ *Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever. (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
(Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON (*Psalm 44:3-5*)

+ *Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.*

Refrain: O Son of God, borne in the arms of righteous Simeon, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

+ *Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee. (Refrain)*

+ *A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. (Refrain)*

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

HYMN OF ST. JUSTINIAN

Only Begotten Son and Word of God, who art immortal, Thou didst take on Thee for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and without change was made man, and was crucified also, O Christ our God, and by Thy death hast death subdued. Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O save, O save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON: RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN (Psalm 44:9,11,16)

+ *Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation.*

Refrain: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

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

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. JULIAN OF HOMS IN TONE THREE

O holy passion-bearer and healing physician Julian, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of sins.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANNA, Righteous Ancestor of God, Mother of the Theotokos:

O Godly-minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever blessed one.

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

O Christ God, Thou hast sanctified the virgin's womb by Thy birth, and as was meet, hast blessed the hands of Simeon. Thou hast also come to us to save us. Do Thou, when wars prevail, give peace to Thy people, and make mighty those whom Thou hast loved, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

TRISAGION HYMN

People: (*sung*) Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*Three times*)

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

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Priest: *With Strength!*

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

~THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGS~

THE EPISTLE (For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Priest: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them. God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

Priest: *Wisdom.*

Reader: **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)**

Priest: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

ALLELUIA FOR THE PRESENTATION (Luke 2:29-32)

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *A light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Thy people, Israel.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (For the Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew)

Priest: *Wisdom. Stand upright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.*

People: And to thy spirit.

Priest: **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)**

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

Priest: *Let us attend.*

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

CHERUBIC HYMN

We who mystically represent the cherubim, and who sing to the life-giving Trinity the thrice holy hymn, let us now lay aside all earthly cares, that we may receive the King on all who comes invisibly up borne by the angelic host. *Alleluia.*

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who

proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets; And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead. And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

MEGALYNARION IT IS TRULY MEET

It is truly meet, it is truly meet, to call thee Blessed, Lady Theotokos. Lady ever-greatly blessed, and most perfect in innocence, and Mother of our God. Lady more precious than the cherubim and more glorious beyond all measure than the seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word and art truly Theotokos, we magnify Thee, we magnify Thee.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYER – A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

THE COMMUNION HYMN - KOINONIKON – Psalm 148:1-4

Refrain: Praise ye the Lord from the heavens, praise ye Him in the highest.

1). *Praise Him, all ye His angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts. (Refrain)*

2). *Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light. (Refrain)*

3). *Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens. (Refrain) Alleluia.*

Priest: *With the fear of God and faith and love, draw near.*

People: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us.

THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNION HYMN

Receive me today, O Son of God, as partaker of Thy mystical supper; for I will not speak, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee. Remember me, O Lord, remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

We have seen the true light; we have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true faith worshipping the undivided Trinity, who hath saved us.

LET OUR MOUTHS BE FILLED

Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord that we may sing of Thy glory. For Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal, and life creating mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE SERVICE FOR THE GREAT SANCTIFICATION OF WATER

IDIOMELA IN TONE EIGHT

Chanter: The voice of the Lord upon the waters crieth aloud, saying: Come ye all, and receive the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of understanding, the Spirit of the fear of God, from Christ Who is made manifest.

Today the nature of the waters is sanctified, and the Jordan is parted in two; it holds back the stream of its own waters, seeing the Master wash Himself.

O Christ the King, thou hast come unto the river as a man, and in thy goodness thou dost make haste to receive the baptism of a servant at the hands of the Forerunner, for the sake of our sins, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

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

At the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord," thou hast come, O Lord, taking the form of a servant, and thou who knowest not sin dost ask for baptism. The waters saw thee and were afraid; the Forerunner was seized with trembling and cried aloud, saying, "How shall the lamp illumine the Light? How shall the servant set his hand upon the Master? O Savior Who takest away the sin of the world, sanctify both me and the waters."

THE OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

The First Passage

Priest: *Wisdom!*

Reader: **The Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah. (35:1-10)**

Priest: *Let us attend!*

Reader: Thus saith the Lord: Be glad, thou thirsty desert; let the wilderness exult, and flower as the lily. And the desert places of Jordan shall blossom, and be exuberant, and shall be exceedingly glad; and the glory of Lebanon hath been given to it, and the honor of Carmel; and my people shall see the glory of the Lord, and the majesty of God. Be strong, ye slackened hands and palsied knees. Comfort one another, and say unto the fainthearted in understanding: Be strong, fear not; behold, our God rendereth judgment, and He will render it; He Himself will come and save us. Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall hear. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the stammerers shall speak plainly; for water hath burst forth in the desert, and a channel of water in a thirsty land. And the dry land shall become pools, and a fountain of water shall be poured into the thirsty land; there shall be a joy of birds, habitations of song-birds, and reeds and marshes. There shall be there a pure way, and it shall be called a holy way; and there shall not pass by there any unclean person, neither shall there be an unclean way; but the dispersed shall walk on it, and they shall not go astray. And there shall be no lion there, neither shall any evil beast go up upon it, nor at all be found there; but the redeemed and gathered on the Lord's behalf, shall walk in it, and shall return, and come to Sion with joy and exceeding gladness, and everlasting joy shall be over their head; for on their head shall be praise and exultation, and joy shall take possession of them: sorrow, and pain, and sighing are fled away.

The Second Passage

Priest: *Wisdom!*

Reader: **The Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah. (55:1-13)**

Priest: *Let us attend!*

Reader: Thus saith the Lord: Ye that thirst, go to the water, and all that have no money, go and buy; and eat and drink wine and fat without money or price. Wherefore do ye value at the price of money that which is not bread, and give your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken to Me, and ye shall eat that which is good, and your soul shall delight itself on good things. Give heed with your ears, and follow My ways; hearken to Me, and your soul shall live amid good things; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have made him a testimony among the nations, a prince and commander among the nations. Behold, nations which know thee not, shall call upon thee, and peoples which are not acquainted with thee, shall flee to thee for refuge, for the sake of the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel; for He hath glorified thee. Seek ye the Lord, and when ye find Him, call upon Him; and when He shall draw nigh to you, let the ungodly leave his ways, and the lawless man his counsels; return to the Lord, and ye shall find mercy; and cry out, for He shall abundantly pardon your sins. For My counsels are not as your counsels, nor are My ways as your ways, saith the Lord. But as the heaven is distant from the earth, so is My way distant from your ways, and your thoughts from My mind. For as rain shall come down, or snow, from heaven, and shall not return until it have saturated the earth, and it bring forth, and bud, and give seed to the sower, and bread for food; so shall My word be, whatever shall proceed out of My mouth, it shall by no means turn back void, until all the things which I willed shall have been accomplished; and I will make My ways and My commandments to prosper. For ye shall go forth with joy, and shall be taught with gladness; for the mountains and the hills shall leap for joy, welcoming you in gladness, and all the trees of the field shall clap with their

branches. And instead of the bramble shall come up the cypress, and instead of the nettle shall come up the myrtle; and the Lord shall be for a Name, and for an everlasting sign, and shall not fail.

The Third Passage

Priest: *Wisdom!*

Reader: **The Reading from the prophecy of Isaiah. (12:3-6)**

Priest: *Let us attend!*

Reader: Thus saith the Lord: Draw ye forth water with joy out of the well-springs of salvation. And in that day thou shalt say: Sing to the Lord, call aloud upon His Name, proclaim His glorious deeds among the nations; make mention that His Name is exalted. Sing praise to the Name of the Lord; for He hath done exalted things; declare this in all the earth. Exult and rejoice, ye that dwell in Zion; for the Holy One of Israel is exalted in the midst of her.

THE EPISTLE

Priest: *Let us attend!*

Reader: *The Lord is my Light and My salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the Protector of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?*

Priest: *Wisdom!*

Reader: **The reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (10:1-4)**

Priest: *Let us attend!*

Reader: Brethren, I would not have you to be ignorant, that all our ancestors were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized to Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual meat; and all drank from the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Priest: *Peace be to thee that readest!*

Choir and People: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

THE GOSPEL

Priest: *Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.*

Choir and People: *And to thy spirit.*

Priest: **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:9-11)**

Choir and People: *Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.*

Priest: *Let us attend!*

Priest: *In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove; and a voice came from Heaven: "Thou art My beloved Son; with Thee I am well pleased."*

Choir and People: *Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.*

THE AUGMENTED GREAT LITANY (FOR THE BLESSING)

Priest: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

Choir and People: *Lord, have mercy. (Repeat after EACH Petition)*

Priest: *For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For this Holy House, and for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God, enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For our father and Metropolitan JOSEPH, our Bishop NICHOLAS, for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For the President of the United States, for all civil authorities, and for our Armed Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful, who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That this water may be sanctified by the power and operation and descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That upon this water there may descend the cleansing operation of the super-substantial Trinity, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That it may be given the grace of redemption and the blessing of the Jordan, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That we may be enlightened by the light of knowledge and piety, through the descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That this water may become a gift of sanctification, a deliverance from sins, unto healing of soul and body and unto every expedient purpose, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That this water may spring up unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That it may serve to the averting of every plot of the enemies, both visible and invisible, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For those who draw of it and take of it unto the sanctification of their homes, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That it may become a cleansing of the souls and bodies of all those who in faith draw and partake of it, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That we may be made worthy to be filled with sanctification through the partaking of this water, by the invisible manifestation of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *That the Lord God may hearken unto the voice of supplication of us sinners and have mercy on us, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.*

Priest: *Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.*

Priest: *Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.*

Choir and People: *To Thee, O Lord.*

Priest: *(Quietly) O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who art in the bosom of the Father, true God, the Fountain of life and of immortality, Light of Light, Who camest into the world to enlighten it: Illumine our minds by thy Holy Spirit, and receive us who offer unto Thee magnification and thanksgiving for Thy wondrous, mighty works, which are from all ages, and for Thy saving dispensation in these latter ages, in which Thou hast clothed Thyself in our weak and poor nature and hast condescended to the stature of a servant, Thou who art King of all, and yet didst deign to be baptized in the Jordan at the hands of a servant, that having sanctified the nature of water, O sinless One, Thou mightest lead us unto a new birth through water and the Spirit and restore us again to our first freedom. Celebrating the memory of this divine mystery, we pray Thee, O Lord Who lovest mankind, sprinkle upon us, thine unworthy servants, according to Thy divine promise, cleansing water, the gift of thy tenderness. And may the supplications of us sinners over this water be well pleasing unto Thy goodness, and may Thy blessing through it be bestowed upon us and upon all Thy faithful people, to the glory of Thy holy and adorable Name.*

(ALoud) For unto Thee, together with Thine unoriginate Father and Thine all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, belong all glory, honor and worship, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir and People: *Amen.*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

Priest: *Let us pray to the Lord.*

Choir and People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Priest: *O Trinity, transcendent in essence, in goodness and in divinity, the Almighty Who watcheth over all, invisible and incomprehensible; O Creator of intelligent essences, rational natures, the goodness of the utter and unapproachable Light, that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world: Enlighten me also, Thine unworthy servant. Illuminate the eyes of my understanding that I may venture to praise Thy countless benevolences and Thy might. Let my beseeching on behalf of this people be wholly acceptable, so that my transgressions may not prevent the descent here of Thy Holy Spirit; that I may be allowed to cry to Thee without condemnation and say, O most good One: We glorify Thee, O Master, Lover of mankind, the Almighty King before eternity. We glorify Thee, O Creator and Fashioner of all. We glorify Thee, O only-begotten Son of God, Who art without father from Thy Mother, and without mother from Thy Father; for in the previous feast we beheld Thee a babe, and in this feast we behold Thee perfect, O our perfect God, appearing from the Perfect; for today we have reached the time of the feast, and the rank of saints gathereth with us, and angels celebrate with men.*

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit hath descended on the waters in the likeness of a dove. Today hath shone the Sun that setteth not, and the world is lighted by the light of the Lord. Today the moon shineth with the world in its radiating beams. Today the shining stars adorn the universe with the splendor of their radiance. Today the clouds from heaven moisten mankind with showers of justice. Today the Uncreated accepteth of His own will the laying on of hands by His

own creation. Today the Prophet and Forerunner draweth nigh to the Master but halteth with trembling when he witnesseth the condescension of our God toward us. Today the waters of the Jordan are changed to healing by the presence of the Lord. Today the whole creation is watered by mystical streams. Today the stumblings of mankind are blotted out by the waters of the Jordan. Today hath paradise been opened to mankind, and the Sun of righteousness hath shone for us. Today the bitter water is changed by Moses to sweetness for the people at the presence of the Lord. Today are we delivered from the ancient mourning, and like a new Israel we have been saved. Today we have escaped from darkness and, by the light of the knowledge of God, we have been illuminated. Today the darkness of the world vanisheth with the appearance of our God. Today the whole creation is lighted from on high. Today is error annulled, and the coming of the Master prepareth for us a way of salvation. Today the celestials celebrate with the terrestrials, and the terrestrials commune with the celestials. Today the assembly of noble and great-voiced Orthodox rejoiceth. Today the Master cometh to baptism to elevate mankind above. Today the Unbowable boweth to his servant to deliver us from slavery. Today we have bought the kingdom of heaven, for the kingdom of heaven hath no end. Today the land and the sea have divided between them the joy of the world, and the world hath been filled with rejoicing.

The waters saw Thee, O God; the waters saw Thee and were afraid. Jordan turned back when it beheld the fire of the Godhead coming down and descending into it bodily. Jordan turned back at beholding the Holy Spirit descending in the likeness of a dove and hovering over Thee. Jordan turned back when it saw the Invisible visible, the Creator incarnate and the Master in the form of a servant. Jordan turned back, and the mountains leaped with joy at beholding God in the flesh. And the clouds, beholding in the Jordan the Lord's festal assembly, gave voice, wondering at Him that cometh, Who is Light of Light, true God of true God, drowning in the Jordan the death of disobedience, the sting of error and bond of hades, granting the world the baptism of salvation. So also, I, Thine unworthy and sinful servant, as I proclaim the greatness of Thy wonders, am encompassed by fear, crying with compunction unto Thee and saying:

(The following is done THRICE.)

Priest: Great art Thou, O Lord, and wondrous are Thy works, and no word sufficeth to hymn Thy wonders.

Choir and People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Priest: (Continues): For Thou, by Thine own will, from nothingness hast brought all things into being, by Thy might Thou dost uphold creation, and by Thy providence Thou dost direct the world. Thou hast fitly framed the creation out of four elements; Thou didst crown the circle of the year with four seasons. All the reason-endowed powers tremble before Thee. The sun praiseth Thee, and the moon glorifieth Thee; the stars intercede with Thee. The light obeyeth Thee. The deeps shudder before Thee; the water-springs serve Thee. Thou hast spread out the heavens like a curtain. Thou hast established the earth upon the waters. With sand hast Thou walled in the sea. Thou hast poured forth the air for breathing. The angelic powers serve Thee. The choirs of the archangels worship Thee. The many-eyed cherubim and the six-winged seraphim, as they stand round about and fly, cover themselves in fear before Thine unapproachable glory. For thou, the God Who is uncircumscribed, without beginning and ineffable, didst come down upon earth, taking on the form of a servant and being made in the likeness of man. For Thou couldst not endure, O Master, because of Thy tender mercy, to behold the race of men beneath the tyranny of the devil, but Thou didst come and didst save us. We confess Thy grace. We proclaim Thy mercy. We conceal not Thy beneficence. Thou hast set free the offspring of our nature; by Thy birth thou hast sanctified a virgin's womb. All creation singeth praises unto Thee, Who didst reveal Thyself. For Thou, our God, didst appear upon earth and didst dwell among men. Thou didst sanctify the streams of Jordan, in that Thou didst send down from heaven Thine all-holy Spirit and didst crush the heads of the serpents that lurked there.

(The priest makes the sign of the Cross over the water THRICE, saying each time:)

Priest: Therefore, O King Who lovest mankind, do Thou Thyself be present even now, through the descent of Thy Holy Spirit, and sanctify this water.

Choir and People: Amen.

Priest: (Continues): And give it the grace of redemption, the blessing of Jordan. Make it a fountain of incorruption, a gift of sanctification, a remission of sins, a protection against disease, a destruction of demons, inaccessible to hostile powers, filled with angelic might. And may it be to all those who draw of it and partake of it unto the cleansing of souls and bodies, unto the healing of passions, unto the sanctification of homes and unto every expedient purpose. For Thou art our God Who, through water and the Spirit, hast renewed our nature, grown old through sin. Thou art our God Who with water didst drown sin in the days of Noah. Thou art our God Who by the sea, through Moses, didst set free from slavery to Pharaoh the Hebrew race. Thou art our God Who didst cleave the rock in the wilderness, so that water gushed forth and streams overflowed and didst satisfy Thy thirsty people. Thou art our God Who by water and fire, through Elias, didst bring Israel back from the deception of Baal.

(The following is done THRICE.)

Priest: Do Thou thyself, O Master, sanctify even now this water by Thy Holy Spirit.

Choir and People: Amen.

Priest: (Continues): *Grant unto all who touch it, anoint themselves therewith and partake thereof, sanctification, blessing, cleansing and health.*

Save, O Lord, Thy servants, our faithful civil authorities. Keep them under Thy shadow in peace. Subdue under their feet every enemy and adversary. Grant to them the means of salvation and eternal life.

Be mindful, O Lord, of our father and Metropolitan JOSEPH, our Bishop NICHOLAS, all the presbytery, the diaconate in Christ and every priestly order and all thy people here present, together with our brethren who are absent for just cause, and have mercy on them and on us according to Thy Great Mercy. That by the elements, by the angels and by men, by things visible and invisible, Thine all-holy Name may be glorified, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir and People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Priest: *Peace be to all.*

Choir and People: And to thy spirit.

Priest: *Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.*

Choir and People: To Thee, O Lord.

(All bow their heads as the priest says the following prayer:)

Priest: *Incline thine ear, and hearken unto us, O Lord Who didst deign to be baptized in the Jordan and didst sanctify the waters. Bless us all who, by the bowing of our necks, signify our servitude; and make us worthy to be filled with Thy sanctification through partaking of this water and being sprinkled therewith. And may it be unto us, O Lord, for health of soul and body.*

For Thou art the Sanctification of our souls and bodies, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, thanksgiving and worship, together with thine unoriginate Father and Thine all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir and People: Amen.

(The priest blesses the water in the form of a cross, and immerses the hand cross up and down, holding it straight, into the water.)

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. (*THRICE*)

(As the priest sprinkles the Holy Water on all the people, the choir sings the following hymns.)

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.

IDIOMELON IN TONE SIX

Ye faithful, let us praise the greatness of God's dispensation toward us. For, becoming man on account of our transgressions, he who alone is clean and undefiled was cleansed in Jordan that we might be made clean, sanctifying us and the waters and breaking the heads of the dragons in the water. Let us then draw water in gladness, O brethren; for upon those who draw with faith, the grace of the Spirit is invisibly bestowed by Christ, the God and Savior of our souls.

(The Holy Water will be distributed among the clergy and faithful after The Great Dismissal of the Divine Liturgy.)

ST. ANNA ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Welcome to our Visitors](#) – We're glad you're here! Please join us after the morning services for Coffee Hour so we can meet you and know you better.

[Receiving Holy Communion](#) unites us with Our Lord Jesus Christ, His unoriginated Father, the Holy Spirit, our Bishop, and the Church, both in heaven and on earth. To commune signifies a commitment to Holy Orthodox

Christianity and that all communicants share this common Apostolic Faith. As such, only those who are members in good standing of the Holy Orthodox Christian Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and regular confession may receive the Eucharist. All those present today, including non-Orthodox, are invited to receive the Blessed Bread from the acolytes or clergy as a sign of our friendship.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

- Sunday, February 6:** Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am)
- Saturday, February 12:** Great Vespers (5pm)
- Sunday, February 13:** Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) – *The Publican and the Pharisee*
- Saturday, February 19:** Great Vespers (5pm)
- Sunday, February 20:** Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) - *Prodigal Son Sunday*
- Saturday, February 26:** Great Vespers (5pm)
- Sunday, February 27:** Orthros (9am) and Divine Liturgy (10am) – *Meatfare Sunday*

SERVICE	ACOLYTES	PROSPHORA	EPISTLE READER	CHURCH CLEANING
Sun, Feb. 6	St. Herman	Arlin & Cathy Troyer (F)	Basil Derryberry	Lemon, Troyer
Sun, Feb. 13	St. Raphael	Arlin & Cathy Troyer (F)	BJ Rose	Kelley, Kelley
Sun, Feb. 20	St. Herman	Julie Dumond (B)	Grant Kelley	Webster, Rose
Sun, Feb. 27	St. Raphael	Julie Dumond (F)	Steve Cox	Stephens, Beach

Acolyte Teams: **St. Raphael Team**
Leader – Steve Cox
 Andrew Webster
 Adrian Hill
 Jesse Cox
 Theodore Thomas

St. Herman Team
Leader – Brian Weaver
 Kellen Stephens
 Kanen Stephens
 Ben Weaver
 Jaden Kent



PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:

- 1.) **St. Anna Men’s Night Out** – Tuesday, February 8 – 6pm – *Puckett’s on the Columbia Square*
- 2.) **Teen/SOYO Meeting (Ages 13-19)** – Sunday, February 13 (11:45am) – *Youth Room Downstairs*
- 3.) **DOMSE Winter Retreat** – Friday & Saturday, February 25 & 26 – *St. Elias Orthodox Church, Atlanta, GA*
- 4.) **Meatfare Sunday** – Sunday, February 27
- 5.) **Annual Choir Appreciation Luncheon** – Sunday, February 27 – 12 Noon – *Location – TBA*
- 6.) **Cheesefare/Forgiveness Sunday** – Sunday, March 6
- 7.) **Great Lent Begins** – Monday, March 7
- 8.) **2022 Parish Life Conference (PLC)** – June 15-18 – *Hosted by St. John Orthodox Church, Memphis, TN*

Church School – 8:45 am (Ages 3-12) – Sunday Morning Church School has been paused until Kh. Belinda’s health is restored, and she can return to St. Anna. Please continue to pray for her speedy and complete recovery.

DATE CHANGE!

CLERGY RETREAT:
FEBRUARY 23 – 24, 2022

WINTER RETREAT:
FEBRUARY 25 – 26, 2022

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ST. ANNA PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please send updates to this Prayer List to: FrAndrewShort@Gmail.com)

- Planning for our church - Please pray for all of those involved with the short-term and long-term plans.
- Rita Trimble
- Jordan (Basil Derryberry's nephew)
- McCaffrey family (friends of Webster's)
- Ben & Family (Kevin Hathaway's son)
- Anna (Basil Derryberry's sister)
- Robbie (Basil Derryberry's brother)
- Melody (Anna Rose's friend)
- Mark (Julie Dumond's husband)
- TJ (Kevin Hathaway's friend)
- Kevin & Laura Hathaway
- Bonnie (Rachel Meese's grandmother - 101 yrs)
- Lisa Trimble
- Cynthia (Nancy Webster's friend)
- Sister Aemilia (The Short's daughter in Greece)
- Robert & Suzanne (Basil Derryberry's parents)
- Joe & Margaret (Basil Derryberry's friends)
- Madeleine (Andrew Webster's friend)
- Brianna & Niko, son Cruz (Danielle's cousin)
- Angela (Lisa Trimble's friend)
- David (Anna Fuertes' son)
- Lindsay (Andrew Webster's friend)
- Sarah & family (Rachel Meese's friend)
- Donna (Lindsay Weaver's stepmother)
- Jeff (Lindsay Weaver's father)
- Don (Fr. Andrew's friend)
- Sonia (Danielle Thomas' aunt)
- Katlynn (John Fuertes' granddaughter)
- Wayne (John Fuertes' friend)
- Isaac (Fr. Andrew's friend)
- Arlin Troyer
- Greg (Rita Trimble's godson)
- Jake & family (Rachel Meese's brother)
- Linda (Lisa Trimble's cousin)
- Jan (Lisa Trimble's friend)
- John & Jackie (Kevin Hathaway's son & wife)
- Dn. Stephen and Sh. Mary Heffelfinger
- Fr. Andrew and Kh. Belinda



"Prayer, like love, is a way of life, and is not something that comes quickly or easily. We learn it with the help of the Holy Spirit over a lifetime of practice."
-Fr. Alexander Goussetis

For many of us, the thought of building a committed discipline of daily personal prayer can feel daunting. We're so busy. Distracted. Perhaps we don't know what to say. We want to grow in fervent prayer (*James 5:16*) as a critical means of growth in our relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But we are not there. If you've ever felt like this, you're not alone. For many Orthodox Christians, we want to pray. We know our Faith and relationship with God will grow through personal prayer. But we struggle to make it a daily, regular occurrence. If this sounds familiar to you, take heart. Making prayer a daily habit just got a tiny bit easier. Introducing "The Encounter: The Common Discipline of the Fellowship of St. Philip the Evangelist". Participating is easy.

1. Choose how you want to participate in The Encounter. Are you a digital person? Download the free app to your favorite device. Just type in "Faithtree Resources" in the Apple or Google App Stores and download The Encounter. Prefer to hold a physical prayer book in your hand? It's coming soon! You'll find them in just a few weeks on our website: Faithtree.org.

2. Commit to praying the 3 short prayer sessions each day. Each session is less than ten minutes, many less than five. The impact on your calendar is small, but the benefit of daily prayer is extraordinary.

3. Explore! The Encounter app has a variety of other resources to help you grow in prayer. With a growing library of prayers for specific occasions, short articles to help you understand more about prayer, hymns of the Church to help you focus, and opportunities to pray for every Orthodox jurisdiction, our parishes, hierarchs, clergy and more, you will never weary of drawing closer to the living God through prayer!

Without prayer, our spirit shrivels, our hope fades, and our joy diminishes. With prayer, our soul quickens, our vision clarifies, and our Christian life is fulfilled.

Join the fellowship of believers who use The Encounter to pray the beautiful prayers of the Church every day.
Let us pray to the Lord!

FROM THE SYNAXARION

On February 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we continue to celebrate the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ. On this day, we commemorate the right-victorious Martyr and Healer Julian of Homs.

Verses: To Homs hath Julian his youth forsaken, For the Kingdom of Heaven hath he partaken.

On the sixth, Julian was nailed through head, hands and feet.

Julian (Ilyan) was born to pagan parents in the city of Emesa, modern-day Homs, Syria. He became a skilled physician and surgeon who treated patients free of charge. He also led many others to faith in Christ as well. The Roman governors were ordered to persecute Christians. Julian's father was a high-ranking officer in the city, so he arrested Bishop Silouan, Deacon Luke and Reader Mokios to torture them publicly to terrorize the Christians. Before their martyrdom, Julian sneaked into the prison and tended to their wounds. Julian was arrested in March of 283 and brought to his father who had him tied to a horse and dragged through the streets. He was imprisoned and tortured for months, but he would not renounce the True Faith. Instead, Julian led all of the tormentors to Christ. Finally, his father had blacksmiths drive long spikes into Julian's head, hands and feet. He crawled to a cave outside of the city owned by a potter and yielded his soul into Christ's healing hands on February 6, 284. The potter took Julian's body and buried it in the Church of the Apostles and St. Barbara at the east of the altar. On this day, we also commemorate Boukolos, bishop of Smyrna; and Photios the Great, patriarch of Constantinople. On the Sunday that falls during the After-feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord, we commemorate the Holy and Righteous Mothers of the Three Hierarchs: Emmelia (Basil the Great), Nona (Gregory the Theologian) and Anthousa (John Chrysostom).

By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

OUR PATRON SAINT – ST. ANNA

St. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, who was of the tribe of Levi, whose family came from Bethlehem. St. Anna lived with her husband, Joachim, at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and grieved over this. They had to endure derision and scorn, since at that time childlessness was considered a disgrace. They never complained, but fervently prayed to God, humbly trusting in Him. During a great feast, the gifts that Joachim took to the Temple as an offering to God were not accepted by the priest, who considered that a childless man was not worthy to offer sacrifice to God. This pained Joachim, and he decided to settle in solitude in a desolate place. When St. Anna learned what humiliation her husband had endured, she sorrowfully entreated God with prayer and fasting to grant her a child. In his solitude, the righteous Joachim also asked God for a child. The prayer of the saintly couple was heard. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, Who would be blessed above all other women. The angel also told them that She would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Ss. Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them, and they named her Mary. Mary, (the Theotokos – “the Mother of God”) became the Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ the Son of God, and consequently, St. Anna is the Grandmother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. St. Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80 after Mary went to live in the Temple. St. Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband. Ss. Joachim and Anna are often invoked by couples trying to have children. The falling asleep (Dormition) of St. Anna is commemorated every year on July 25.

✠ THE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS ANCESTOR OF GOD, ANNA, PRAY FOR US. ☩

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