

expressed the Word of God through the prophets and apostles, explained it through the Holy Fathers. Both the Word of God and its explanation are a gift of the Holy Spirit. The holy Orthodox Church and its true children accept only this patristic interpretation! +St. Ignatii Brianchaninov

THE EPISTLE

Reader: *The Prokimenon in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.*

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

Reader: *Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright.*

Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

Reader: *In the 4th Tone: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.*

Choir: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.

Reader: *The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians: [Colossians 3:12-16 (§258)]*

THE GOSPEL

Reader: *Alleluia in the 2nd Tone: The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.*

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: *O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee.*

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: *In the 4th Tone: Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring unto the Lord the sons of rams.*

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 18:18-27 (§91)]

Welcome to

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We are a parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, and all are welcome to worship with us! Our services are in English. Please join us for lunch downstairs after the service.

January 14/27, 2019

**Thirty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Apodosis of Theophany**

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday	Akathist to St. Anthony	6:00 pm
Saturday	Confession	4:00 pm
	All-Night Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	Hours and Divine Liturgy	9:00 am
	<i>Meal in Trapeza following Services</i>	

TROPARIA

Resurrection - Tone 2: When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal, / then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. / And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths, / all the Hosts of the heavens cried out: // O Life-giver, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Theophany - Tone 1: When Thou, wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest; / for the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, / calling Thee His beloved Son. / And the Spirit in the form of a dove / confirmed the certainty of the word. / O Christ our God, Who hast appeared // and hast enlightened the world, glory be to Thee.

KONTAKIA

Resurrection – Tone 2: Thou didst rise from the tomb, O omnipotent Savior, / and Hades was terrified on beholding the wonder; / and the dead arose, / and creation at the sight thereof rejoiceth with Thee. / And Adam also is joyful, // and the world, O my Savior, praiseth Thee forever.

Theophany - Tone 4: Thou hast appeared today unto the whole world, / and Thy light, O Lord, hath been signed upon us / who with knowledge chant unto Thee: / Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared, // O Light Unapproachable.

MEGALYNARION

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, / her who is more honorable than the host on high, // the most pure Virgin Theotokos.

Irmos: Every tongue is at a loss to praise thee as is due: / even a spirit from the world above is filled with dizziness, when it seeketh to sing thy praises, O Theotokos. / But

since thou art good, accept our faith: / Thou knowest well our love inspired by God, // for thou art the Protector of Christians and we magnify thee.

PARISH NEWS

- ❖ **Namedays:** We congratulate those who are celebrating namedays this week.
 - Nina Watkins
 - Anthony Damiano
 - Anthony Venticinque
- ❖ **Parish Council Meeting:** The Parish Council Meeting will take place today following the Divine Liturgy.
- ❖ **Akathist:** This week we will sing an Akathist to St. Anthony the Great on Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm.
- ❖ **Office Hours:** Fr. John will be available after the Akathist on Wednesday evening for Office Hours if you need to meet with him. He will also be available on Friday from 3:00-5:00 pm.
- ❖ **House Blessings:** A House Blessing sign-up sheet is available for all to schedule a time for Fr. John to come and bless your homes with the water from the Theophany water blessing. Please sign-up.
- ❖ **Annual Meeting:** The Parish Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 17 following the Divine Liturgy.

WORD FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Do not undertake to explain the Gospels or the other books of Holy Scripture yourself. The Scriptures were not expressed arbitrarily by the prophets and apostles, but by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. How mindless then is it to explain them arbitrarily? The Holy Spirit, having