

Postfeast Epiphany

Theodosios the Cenobiarach

January 11, 2026

Tone 6

GREAT VESPERS - SATURDAY EVENING

DEACON: Bless, Father.

PRIEST: Blessed is our God always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

“Come Let Us Worship...”

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord You are very great: / You are clothed with honor and majesty, / Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, / Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain.

He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, / Who makes the clouds His chariot, / Who walks on the wings of the wind, / Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

You Who laid the foundations of the earth, / so that it should not be moved forever, / You covered it with the deep as with a garment; / the waters stood above the mountains.

At Your rebuke they fled; / at the voice of Your thunder they hastened away. / They went up over the mountains; they went down into the valleys, / to the place which You founded for them.

You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, / that they may not return to cover the earth. / He sends the springs into the valleys, / which flow among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field; / the wild donkeys quench their thirst. / By them the birds of the heavens have their habitation; / they sing among the branches.

He waters the hills from His upper chambers; / the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, / and vegetation for the service of man, / that he may bring forth food from the earth, / and wine that makes glad the heart of man,

oil to make his face shine, / and bread which strengthens man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap, / the cedars of Lebanon which He planted, / where the birds make their nests; / the stork has her home in the fir trees.

The high hills are for the wild goats; / the cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers.
He appointed the moon for the seasons; / the sun know its going down. / You made darkness, and it is night, / in which all the beasts of the forest creep about.

The young lions roar after their prey, / and seek their food from God. / When the sun arises, they gather together / and lie down in their dens.

Man goes out to his work / and to his labor until the evening. / O Lord, how manifold are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all.

The earth is full of Your possessions / – this great and wide sea, / in which are innumerable teeming things, / living things both small and great.

There the ships sail about and there is that Leviathan / which You have made to play there. / These all wait for You, / that You may give them their food in due season.

What You give them they gather in; / You open Your hand, they are filled with good. / You hide Your face, they are troubled; / You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; / and You renew the face of the earth. / May the glory of the Lord endure forever; / may the Lord rejoice in His works.

He looks on the earth, and it trembles; / He touches the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; / I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. / May my meditation be sweet to Him; / I will be glad in the Lord.

May sinners be consumed from the earth, / and the wicked be no more. / Bless the Lord, O my soul! / Praise the Lord!

The sun knows its going down. / You make darkness and it is night. / O Lord, how manifold are Your works! / In wisdom You have made them all.

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

PEOPLE: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3x)

O our God and our hope, glory to You!

The Great Litany

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: 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.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this holy house, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) N., the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For our president, all civil authorities, and for our armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: For this city, every city and countryside, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

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

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance our most-holy, most-pure, 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.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

Exclamation of the Fourth Prayer

PRIEST: For unto You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

“O Lord, I Cry...” – Tone 6

Opening Psalm Verses - Psalm 141:1, 2 (LXX 140)

O Lord, I cry out to You, hear me! Hear me, O Lord. O Lord, I cry out to You, hear me. Give ear, give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set before You as incense, as incense before You and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Hear me, O Lord.

Set a guard, O Lord over my mouth; keep watch o'er the door of my lips.

Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men who work iniquity; and do not let me eat of their delicacies.

Let the righteous strike me; it shall be a kindness, and let him reprove me; it shall be as excellent oil. Let not my head refuse it, for still my prayer is against the deeds of the wicked.

Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff and they hear my words for they are sweet. Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, as when one plows and breaks up the earth.

But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; in You I take refuge; do not leave my soul destitute.

Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the workers of iniquity. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I escape safely.

Psalm 142 (LXX 141)

I cry out to the Lord with my voice; with my voice to the Lord I make my supplication.

I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then You knew my path. In a way in which I walk they have secretly set a snare for me.

Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul.

I cried out to You, O Lord. I said, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low; deliver me from my persecutors for they are stronger than I.”

Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name.

(Tone 6) – Resurrection

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ, since You are free among the dead, You ascended the Cross raising with Yourself those who sat in the shades of death, drawing life from Your light, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

The righteous shall surround me for You shall deal bountifully with me.

Today Christ tramples on death for He is risen as He said! Let us all sing this song, for He has granted joy to the world: O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life, O almighty Savior, have mercy on us!

Psalm 130 (LXX 129)

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!

Where shall we sinners flee from You for You are in all creation? In heaven You dwell, in hell You trampled on death. In the depths of the sea? Even there is Your

hand, O Master. To You we flee, and falling before You, we pray: O You Who rose from the dead, have mercy on us!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

In Your Cross, we glory, O Christ. We sing and glorify Your Resurrection. For You are our God, and we know no other than You!

If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

(Tone 4) – *Postfeast Epiphany*

The Lord said to the Forerunner: See, I wear your image, the image which I myself have formed, the work of My hands. I must humble Myself in a manner beyond understanding. Why is this so strange, My friend? If I bow My head beneath your hand, as one of your fellow servants, and if My naked form is covered with the waters, I shall accomplish My will. In My compassion, I shall clothe the naked with immortality!

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope.

You took on a body yet the womb that bore You was not consumed. This was prefigured long ago, when the furnace would not burn the holy youths, but I am only grass; Master, how shall my hands touch Your fire? The heavens and all those on earth tremble before You, O almighty Jesus, the Savior of our souls!

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, I say more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord.

“Wash Me in the waters of the Jordan, though I am undefiled and have no kind of stain at all,” said the Lord. “Mankind’s nature had become defiled by the transgression of Adam, and now shall be washed clean and be made new again. For as I am now baptized, the regeneration of all mankind is accomplished through water and the Spirit.

For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

(Tone 5) – *Theodosios*

O righteous God-bearing Father Theodosius, you struggled valiantly in this fleeting life. In hymns, constant fasts and all night vigils of prayer, you became a model and example to your disciples. Now you dance with the angels and ceaselessly glorify Christ. He is the Word of God come from God, our Redeemer. He bowed His head beneath the Forerunner’s hand, and sanctified the nature of the waters. Pray to Him and beseech Him, O holy one, to grant the Church peace, unity, and great mercy!

Psalm 117 (LXX 116)

O, praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

O righteous God-bearing Father Theodosius, the grace of the All-holy Spirit found your soul pure in keeping with His will. By His resplendent work, you ceaselessly glorified Christ, the Son, One in two natures. The voice of the Father bore witness

to Him when the Forerunner baptized Him with his hand. Pray to Him and beseech Him, O holy one, to grant the world peace, unity, and great mercy!

For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

O righteous God-bearing Father Theodosius, that blessed life has rightfully been granted to you, which you have found through purity and self-denial. Now you rejoice with the angels! You see Christ and glorify Him ceaselessly. He Who wondrously took flesh from a virgin, was baptized in the Jordan, drowning all our sins. Pray to Him and beseech Him, O holy one, to grant the world peace, unity, and great mercy!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

(Tone 8) – Postfeast Epiphany

Lord, in Your desire to fulfill what You appointed from eternity, You selected servants from all creation to fulfill Your mystery; from the angels, You took Gabriel; from humankind, You took the Virgin; from the heavens, You took the stars; and from the waters, You took the Jordan: through which You washed away the sins of the world. O our Savior, glory to You.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Tone 7) – Resurrection

O pure Theotokos, no tongue can speak of your wonderful childbearing, for you were revealed to be a mother above nature, and you remained a virgin beyond reason and understanding. Your conception was most glorious, and the manner of your giving birth was incomprehensible, O most pure Virgin Lady. For where God wills, He overcomes the order of all nature. Therefore, since we know you as Theotokos, we beseech you ceaselessly to intercede for us for the salvation of our souls.

The Prayer before the Entrance

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST: In the evening and in the morning and at noonday we praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You, and we pray to You, O Master of all, Lord Who loves mankind. Direct our prayer before You as incense, and incline not our hearts to words or thoughts of evil; but deliver us from all who seek after our souls. For unto You, Lord, O Lord, we lift up our eyes, and in You have we hoped. Put us not to shame, O our God.

For unto You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

DEACON: Bless, father, the holy entrance.

PRIEST: Blessed is the entrance into Your holy place always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

DEACON: Amen.

DEACON: Wisdom. Let us attend.

“O Joyful Light” (Monk Martin)

O Joy-ful Light of the Ho-ly glo - ry, of the im-mor - - tal heav-en - ly
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ho - ly bless-ed Fa - ther, O Je-sus Christ! Now that we have come to the
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set-ting of the sun and be - hold the light of eve - - ning we praise
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God: the Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Spi - rit. For it is right at all times to
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wor-ship You with voi - ces of praise, O Son of God and
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rit.
Giv - er of Life. There-fore all the world glo - ri - fies You.

The Evening Prokeimenon: Tone 7

Psalm 77 (LXX 76)

DEACON: The evening prokeimenon.

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

Verse: The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength.

Verse: For He established the world so that it shall never be moved.

The Litany of Fervent Supplication / The Ektenia

DEACON: Let us say with all our soul and with all our mind, let us say.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: O Lord Almighty, the God of our fathers, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your great mercy, hear us we pray, and have mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians; for our father, (*metropolitan, archbishop, or bishop*) *N.*; for our brethren: the priests, deacons, and monastics and for all our brotherhood in Christ.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church (*and for the servants of God. NN.*); and for all our fathers and brethren, the Orthodox departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation, and for pardon and forgiveness of sins for (*the servants of God NN., and*) all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

DEACON: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple; for those who serve and those who sing; and for all the people here present, who await Your great and rich mercy.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

PRIEST: [O Lord our God, receive this fervent supplication of Your servants, and have mercy on us according to the multitude of Your mercy; and send down Your compassion on us and on all Your people, who await Your great and rich mercy.]

For You are a merciful God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

The Evening Prayer

PEOPLE: Grant, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever. Amen. Let Your mercy be upon us, O Lord, even as we have set our hope on You. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. Blessed are You, O Master; make me to understand Your statutes. Blessed are You, O holy One; enlighten me with Your statutes. Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever. Despise not the works of Your hands. To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Evening Litany

DEACON: Let us complete our evening prayer to the Lord.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Your grace.

PEOPLE: Lord, have mercy.

DEACON: That this whole evening may be perfect, holy, peaceful, and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For pardon and forgiveness of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For all things good and profitable for our souls, and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: For a Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless, and peaceful, and for a good defense before the fearful judgment seat of Christ, let us ask of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Grant this, O Lord.

DEACON: Calling to remembrance our most-holy, most-pure, 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.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

Exclamation of the Seventh Prayer

PRIEST: For You are a good God and love mankind, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRIEST: Peace be to all.

PEOPLE: And to your spirit.

The Prayer with Heads Bowed

DEACON: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

PEOPLE: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST: O Lord, our God, Who bowed the heavens and came down for the salvation of mankind, look upon Your servants and Your inheritance; for to You, the fearful Judge, Who love mankind, have Your servants bowed their heads, and submissively inclined their necks, not awaiting help from men, but entreating Your mercy and looking confidently for Your salvation. Guard them at all times, both during this present evening and in the approaching night, from every enemy, from all adverse powers of the devil, and from vain thoughts and evil imaginations.

Blessed and glorified be the might of Your kingdom: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

PEOPLE: Amen.

Aposticha: Tone 6

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
the angels in heaven sing!
Enable us on earth
to glorify You in purity of heart.

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty. The Lord is clothed with strength and has girded Himself.

Destroying the gates of hell;
breaking the chains of death;
You resurrected the fallen human race
as Almighty God.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead,
glory to You!"

For He established the world which shall not be shaken.

Desiring to return us to Paradise,
Christ was nailed to the Cross and placed in a tomb.
The myrrh-bearing women sought Him with tears and cried out:
"Woe to us, O Savior!
How do You submit to descend to death?
What place can hold Your life-bearing body?
Come to us as You promised *
take away our wailing and tears."
Then the Angels appeared to them:
Stop your lamentations!
Go, proclaim to the apostles: *
The Lord is risen, granting us purification and great mercy!"

Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.

Having been crucified voluntarily,
by Your burial You captured death, O Christ,
and arose on the third day as God in glory,
granting the world unending life and great mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

(Tone 8)

We honor you, O Theodosius,
our father and our teacher,
the instructor of a multitude of monastics. *

We have indeed learned to walk in your footsteps.
Blessed are you, who labored for Christ,
and have triumphed over the might of the enemy.

O companion of the righteous and the just, *
entreat the Lord that He may grant mercy to our souls!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today the whole creation is enlightened.
Today all nature is made glad,
things of heaven and things of the earth. *
Angels and men mingle with one another,
for where the King is present, there His army also abides.
Let us run then to the Jordan
let us all see how John baptizes a sinless and uncreated head. *
Therefore, let us cry aloud with one accord,
echoing the voice of the apostle:
The grace of God that brings salvation to all men
has appeared, shining upon the faithful *
and grants to all mankind rich and great mercy!

Hymn of St. Simeon

Lord, now you are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.

Trisagion Prayers

PEOPLE: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (3x)

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

All-holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

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.

PRIEST: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory: of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

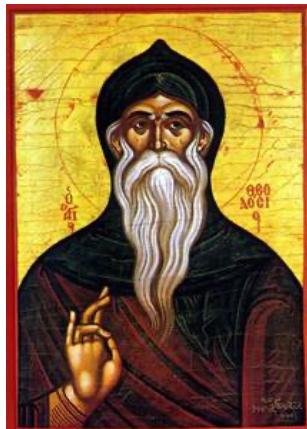
PEOPLE: Amen.

Resurrection Troparion: Tone 6 (Kievan-Byzantine)



The angelic pow'rs were be - fore Your tomb; the guards became as
dead men. Ma - ry stood in the sep - ul - cher, seek - ing Your
most pure bod - y. You cap - tured hell, for You were not
tempt - ed by it. You came to the Vir - gin grant - ing life,
You Who rose from the dead: Glo - ry to You, O Lord!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit



Troparion of Theodosios: Tone 8 (Byzantine)

Your abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom, and your deep sighings made your labor bear fruit a hundredfold. You became a star shining over the world with miracles, O holy Father Theodosios, pray to Christ our God that He may save our souls.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Epiphany Troparion: Tone 1 (Obikhod)

When You were baptized in the Jor-dan, O Lord, the worship of the Tri-ni-ty
 was made man-i-fest, for the voice of the Fa-ther bore wit-ness to You,
 calling You Be-lov-ed Son; and the Spi-rit in the form of a dove, con-
 firmed the truth-ful-ness of His Word. O Christ our God, Who
 have re-vealed Your-self and en-lightened the world, Glo-ry to You.

The Dismissal

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, *Who consented to be baptized by John in the Jordan for our salvation...* and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us and save us.

PEOPLE: Amen.

