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Sunday after Theophany

+St. Gregory of Nyssa

+St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene

Trisagion offered in memory of the servant of God
Artemis Papageorgiou (+1/8/21)

Epistle: 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.

Gospel: 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 Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun 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."

This Week: The Martyrs of Sinai and Raithu

When a church is consecrated, holy relics from certain saints are enshrined into the altar table. Among the relics in our altar table are those of the Holy Martyrs of Sinai and Raithu (both located in modern-day Egypt). In the Synaxarion (book containing the lives of the saints), we read the following about these holy martyrs: "As for the holy Martyrs of Sinai and Raithu, those of Sinai contested during the reign of Diocletian, about the year 296; those of Raithu were slain about the middle of the fifth century. On both occasions, the perpetrators of these massacres were a barbarian tribe called Blemmyes, from the parts of Arabia and Egypt."

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Note: Because the Leave-Taking (Apodosis) of the Feast of Holy Theophany falls on the 14th of January, the liturgical services for these martyrs are transferred to January 13th.

Kontakion of Theophany (Sung as the final hymn after the Small Entrance)

Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, καὶ τὸ φῶς σου Κύριε, ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, ἐν ἐπιγνώσει ὑμνοῦντάς σε. Ἦλθες ἐφάνης τὸ Φῶς τὸ ἀπρόσιτον.

You appeared today to us * on earth, O Master, * and Your light was signed on us * who cry aloud to You and say * with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable.

This Week's Calendar & Upcoming Events

- Sun 1/10 – 8:30am Orthros (Matins); ~9:30am Divine Liturgy; 1:00pm, Church School (Zoom)
- Wed 1/13 (Holy Martyrs of Raithu) – 8:30am Orthros (Matins); ~9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Sat 1/16 – 11am, Philoptochos meeting (Zoom)
- Note: Bible Study will resume soon, most likely next week!

Church School

We will have a Sunday Church School “Meet and Greet” for the students and their families to meet Father, along with a brief lesson/message for the students today (Sunday) at **1:00pm** via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82352457564?pwd=QjNwR0xvZDltUk1oRWtKYW00dzkzZz09>
Meeting ID: 823 5245 7564 - Passcode: 658464

Message from Father

This past week was blessed in many ways. First, thank you to everyone for your kind wishes and welcome to me and my family, whether in person or through your notes and calls. We had a beautiful service last Sunday with the visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael and the award presentation for our dedicated fellow parishioner, Deno Kandis. This was then followed by all the blessings of Theophany and its associated feasts. We still have Holy Water bottles available for those who would like to receive one.

In the coming weeks, my hope is to be able to reach out to all our parishioners individually so that we can “meet” each other, whether by phone or perhaps even by Zoom if you like. I will send a message to our listserv so that you may indicate if there is a preferred day/time. It will be a joy for me to be able to greet you and your families, even if only for a few minutes!

Spiritual Words for the Week

“Our life is an uninterrupted stream of God’s unspeakable mercies; therefore, it should be a continual thankfulness and praise to God the Creator and Benefactor; our love for God and our neighbor, God’s image and our fellow-member should especially be constant. By loving our neighbor we love God; by respecting every man, we respect the image of God and ourselves.”

-St. John of Kronstadt, taken from *My Life in Christ* (Jordanville, 1994), p. 421

One (1) attachment to follow

