

**Bulletin sponsor this week is for:****The health of:**

**Nina** on her birthday, from daughter Iana and granddaughters Cecelia and Joanna. We wish you many years! We love you!  
**Tamara** Zimmerman on her birthday, offered by her family with love.  
**Lisa** Dantinne on her birthday, offered by her family with love.  
**Martha** on her birthday, offered with love.

**The memory of:**

**Olga** Romanofsky, offered by Maribeth and Andrew.  
**Stephen**, offered by Linda Dantinne.

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**Ephesians 4:7-13** (*Sunday After the Theophany*)

**II Corinthians 4:6-15** (*St Theodosius*)

**Readings:**

**Matthew 4:12-17** (*Sunday After the Theophany*)

**Matthew 11:27-30** (*St Theodosius*)

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**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 fulness of Christ;

**At that time**, 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."

**Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours</b> - 9:40 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> – 10:00 AM
<b>General Confession</b> – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession</b> - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas</b> – after Divine Liturgy, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month	

**Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee Hour.

**Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.**

Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.

**Announcements:**

- **Dues and assessments are now being collected for the year 2026.** Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200 per person. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- There will be a meeting of the **Parish Council today, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, after coffee hour.
- **On Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy.** The annual meeting of the parishioners is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, reports by the Rector and Council members, and for other business.

**Reminders:**

- The **Parish Council** has created a special fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark any donations** for this important fund with the designation "**Rectory**".
- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you!
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to: [bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org](mailto:bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org)**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> .
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

**Afterfeast of Theophany:**

Today You have shown forth to the world, O Lord,  
and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.  
Knowing You, we sing Your praises.  
You have come and revealed Yourself,  
O unapproachable Light.

Kontakion – Tone 4

**Ven. Theodosius the Great:**

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile,  
and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.  
By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe.  
Our Father Theodosius, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 8 – Troparion

Planted in the courts of your Lord, you blossomed beautifully with virtue,  
and increased your children in the desert, showering them with streams of  
your tears,

O chief shepherd of the divine flock of God.  
Therefore, we cry to you: Rejoice, O Father Theodosius!

Kontakion – Tone 8

**Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:**

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos,  
more honorable than the heavenly hosts!  
No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos;  
even Angels are overcome with awe praising you.  
But since you are good, accept our faith;  
for you know our love inspired by God!  
You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil  
tidings. (Ps. 111:6)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/01/11>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: [www.oca.org/](http://www.oca.org/)  
See our Website at: [ChurchMotherOfGod.org](http://ChurchMotherOfGod.org)  
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*Glory  
Forever*

*Glory to  
Jesus Christ*

Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord  
and Savior Jesus Christ

When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan  
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest  
for the voice of the Father bore witness to You  
and called You His beloved Son.

And the Spirit, in the form of a dove,  
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.  
O Christ, our God, You have revealed Yourself  
and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

Tone 1 – Troparion

**January 11, 2026****Today the Church remembers:**

Afterfeast of the Theophany • Ven. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch (529)

• Sunday after Theophany • Ven. Michael of Klops Monastery, Fool-for-Christ (Novgorod—ca. 1453-56) • St. Theodosius of Antioch (ca. 412) • Ven. Theodosius, Metropolitan of Trebizon (1392) • The “ELETSKAIA” Icon of the Mother of God (1060)

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday after Theophany

Tone 6 of the *Octoechos*