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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK**



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**WEEKLY BULLETIN
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**



METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2
Psalm 27.9,1

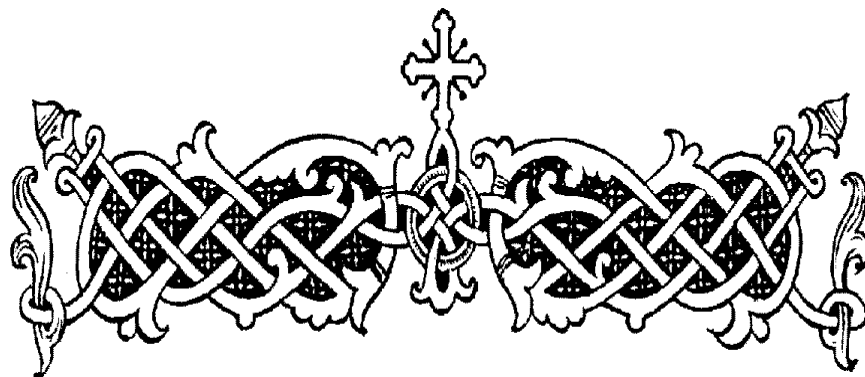
O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from
St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.



Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 4:5-8

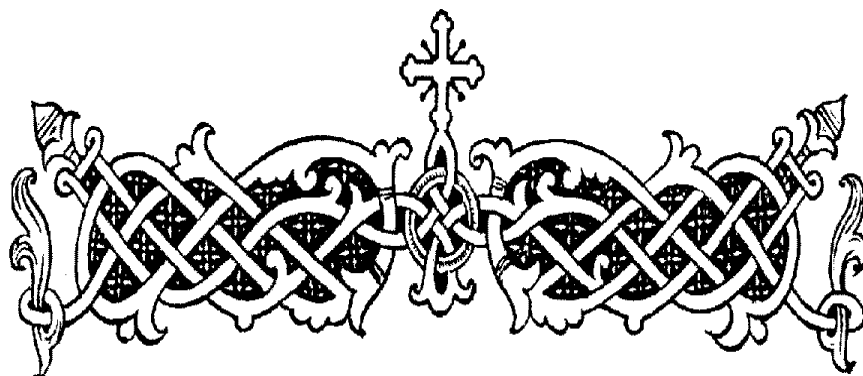
Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. β'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου
καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράζομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 4:5-8 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

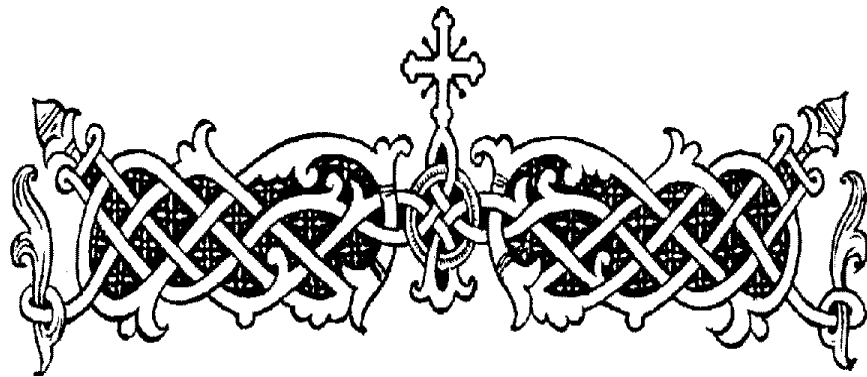
Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, νῆφε ἐν πᾶσιν, κακοπάθησον, ἔργον ποιήσον εὐαγγελιστοῦ, τὴν διακονίαν σου πληροφορήσον. Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἤδη σπένδομαι, καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀναλύσεως ἐφέστηκεν. Τὸν ἀγῶνα τὸν καλὸν ἠγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα, τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα· λοιπόν, ἀπόκειται μοι ὁ τῆς δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ὃν ἀποδώσει μοι ὁ κύριος ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ, ὁ δίκαιος κριτής· οὐ μόνον δὲ ἐμοί, ἀλλὰ καὶ πᾶσιν τοῖς ἠγαπηκόσιν τὴν ἐπιφάνειαν αὐτοῦ.



The Gospel According to Mark

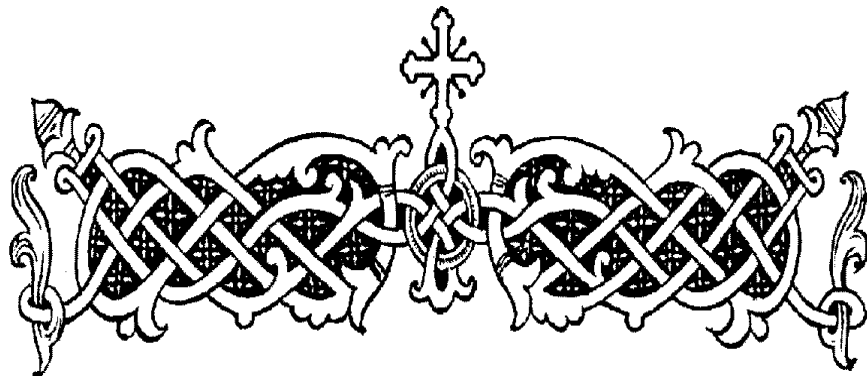
1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 1:1-8 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὡς γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς προφήταις, ἰδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὸν ἄγγελόν μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὃς κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδὸν σου ἔμπροσθέν σου· φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, ἐτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν Κυρίου, εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, ἐγένετο Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ κηρύσσων βάπτισμα μετανοίας εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ ἐξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία χώρα καὶ οἱ Ἱεροσολυμίται, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο πάντες ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπὸ αὐτοῦ ἐξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. Ἦν δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν ὀσφὺν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσθίων ἀκρίδας καὶ μέλι ἄγριον. Καὶ ἐκήρυσσε λέγων· ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου ὀπίσω μου, οὗ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἰκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ· ἐγὼ μὲν ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ἐν ὕδατι, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ.



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrection Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy!

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

For the Forefeast of Theophany

Jordan River once turned back when Elisha struck its stream with his mantle in the wake of Elias's ascent; and the water was parted to the one side and to the other. And thus the fluid stream became a dry way for him, a symbol and truly a type of Baptism, by which we now pass over the streaming passage of the present life. And Christ appeared at the Jordan River to sanctify the waters.

Ἀπεστρέφετό ποτε, ὁ Ἰορδάνης ποταμός, τῇ μηλωτῇ Ἐλισαιέ, ἀναληφθέντος Ἡλιοῦ, καὶ διηρεῖτο τὰ ὕδατα ἔνθεν καὶ ἔνθεν, καὶ γέγονεν αὐτῷ, ξηρὰ ὁδὸς ἢ ὑγρά, εἰς τύπον ἀληθῶς τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, δι' οὗ ἡμεῖς τὴν ρέουσαν, τοῦ βίου διαπερῶμεν διάβασιν, Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ, ἀγιάσαι τὰ ὕδατα.

Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Tone

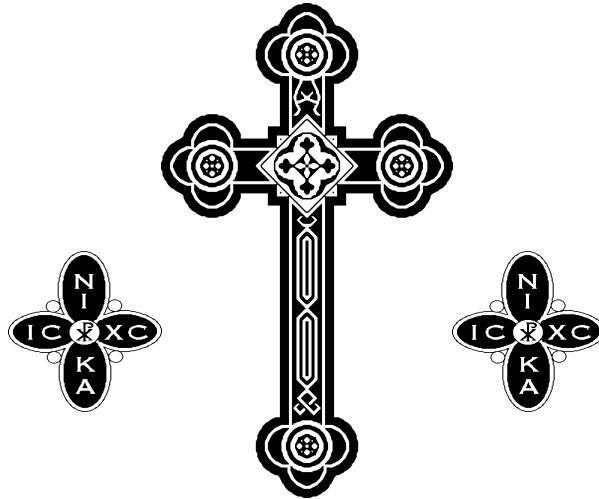
Like a most fruitful olive tree you did blossom forth in the folds of the Lord, Sophia, martyr most pious! And to Christ you did bring sweetest fruit: the tender sprouts of your womb through divine martyrdom, Agape, along with Hope and Faith, the God-minded with whom do you pray to God for all of us.

Kontakion for Theophany

To the flowing streams today of River Jordan comes the Lord and cries aloud to John the Baptist, and He says, "Be not afraid to baptize me now; for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

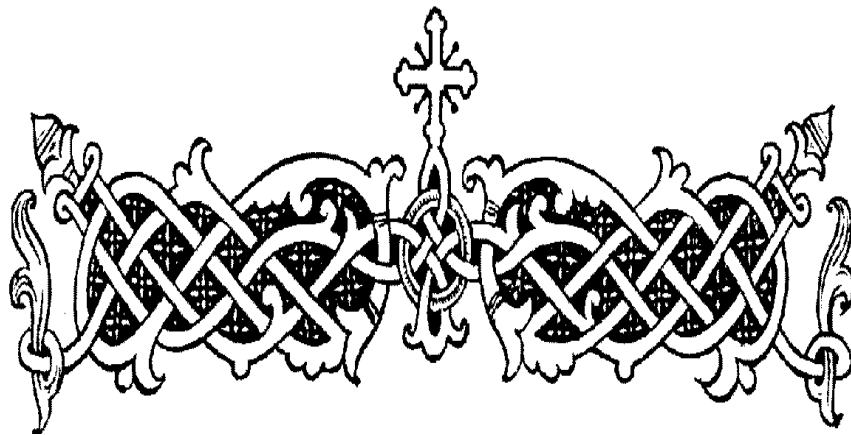
Ἐν τοῖς ρεῖθροις σήμερον τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, γεγονὼς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ Ἰωάννῃ ἐκβοᾷ· Μὴ δειλιάσης βαπτίσει με· σῶσαι γὰρ ἤκω, Ἀδὰμ τὸν πρωτόπλαστον.

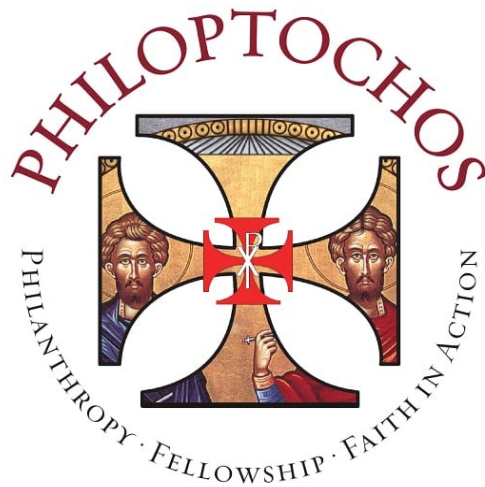
Sunday—January 5, 2025



*Trisagion
Sophia Capousis (21 Years)*

MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL





***JOIN US TODAY
FOR COFFEE HOUR***



***A special thank you to the following members
of our community who have volunteered
to donate their time today to serve coffee:***

Diane Peters & Chrisoula Anastasiou

***Church Services & Events
for Today & the Upcoming Week***

Today ~ Sunday before Theophany

8:45 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Blessing of the Water after the Liturgy

***No Vasilopita after Liturgy,
rescheduled for next Sunday***

Monday ~ January 6, 2025

HOLY EPIPHANY

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy (In Greek)

Blessing of the Water

Tuesday ~ January 7, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday ~ January 8, 2025

6:00 pm Paraklesis

7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday ~ January 9, 2025

6:00 pm Choir Practice

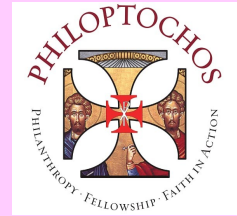
Saturday ~ January 11, 2025

5:00 pm Great Vespers

6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Winter Wonderland Hellenic Dance

Save The Date
Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church,
AHEPA & Philoptochos



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Winter Wonderland 2025
HELLENIC DANCE

Live Music provided by The Aegeans

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***Check out the Nepsis for instructions
for reservations using Ticket Leap
or Cash & Check (payable to Philoptochos)***

ATTIRE IS BUSINESS CASUAL

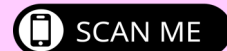
Adults 21 and older—\$65.00 /Person

Ages 13-20 years—\$25.00 /Person

12 years and under—Free

***All-inclusive Ticket Prices include:
Hors d'oeuvres, Full Greek Style Buffet,
Open Bar (Beer, Wine, Soda),
Dessert, Coffee & Tea***

Catered by the Garden View Diner



***Reservation & Payment
DEADLINE
by January 5, 2025***

**Jamesville Dewitt
Ecumenical Food Pantry
continues food donations !**

**TODAY—Sunday, January 5th,
is Pick-up-your- Bag for the Food Pantry Sunday.**

**The paper bags will be in the narthex
to pick up after church.**

**The next Sunday January 12th,
please return your bags to the table outside the gym.**

**GOYA will take the bags over to
the Food Pantry on Saturday, January 19th.**

**Gretchen Brown, the Pantry Coordinator,
thanks all of you for your continued support.**

We are making a difference in people's lives.

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**Jesus told us, "Assuredly, I say to you,  
as you did it to the least of these My brethren,  
you did it Me."**

**God bless you all !**

**Call Ellen Tartakoff with any questions  
(315)-447-4701.**

**EPIPHANY**  
***SCHEDULE OF SERVICES***



**TODAY—Sunday, January 5th**

***Holy Epiphany Eve***

***8:45 am Orthros***

***10:00 am Divine Liturgy***

***Blessing of the Water after the Liturgy***

**Monday, January 6th**

***Holy Epiphany***

***9:00 am Orthros***

***10:00 am Divine Liturgy (in Greek)***

***Blessing of the Water***