

# THE MESSENGER

Weekly Worship Guide of The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Atlanta, Georgia

**Sunday, January 13, 2019 - Κυριακή, 13 Ιανουαρίου 2019**

**Sunday After Theophany - Κυριακή Μετά τα Φώτα**

*The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, The Righteous Father Jacob of Nisibis, the Holy Martyr Athanasius, the Holy Martyrs Pachomius and Papyrinus, The Righteous Father Maximus of Kapsokalyvia (Mount Athos)*

## Today's Memorial

*Service can be found on p. 127 of the Divine Liturgy Book*

40 Day Memorial for Pete (Panayiotis) J. Poulos

## 40 Day Blessing

Daughter of Richard and Margarita Reed

## **ALL Sunday School Classes Resume TODAY**

**Today we honor our GOYA Basketball Teams. Congratulations to the Senior Boys on winning first place and the Girls Team on winning second place at this year's Winter Youth Rally! Congratulations!**

### **The Righteous Father Jacob, Bishop of Nisibis**



St. Jacob, at his early youth left behind his family and everything else and abandoned the hustle and bustle of his home town for the barren, rocky caves outside the city limits. Nisibis in the late fourth century was one of the great cosmopolitan centers of the eastern world, located just inside the modern Turkish border with Syria. Already by the turn of the fourth century, the city was home to a thriving Christian community. So vivid was young Jacob's bond with Jesus that he decided to forego everything else, so that he could devote himself entirely to knowing God even more intimately. History tells us that he even discarded his clothing when he settled in a crevice in the craggy mountains outside the city, trusting in the Lord to provide for his needs and subsisting on whatever food nature provided.

From the seclusion of his dank crevice, Jacob's holiness came to the attention of the Christians of Nisibis. Waves of people, young and old, trekked out into the wilderness to see this young man who had found blissful peace with the Lord in the strangest of circumstances. When the bishop of Nisibis died, a delegation went out to see Jacob and to beg him to be their next bishop. The Christian community of Nisibis was by now one of the largest, and most urbane churches in the entire East. However, St. Jacob refused the offer. Repeatedly, they pleaded with him, notables from the community making the perilous climb up to Jacob's rocky perch to try to persuade the holy man to come back to civilization to lead their church. Eventually, when he could no longer turn away the plea of the faithful, St. Jacob consented. He was consecrated a bishop around 309 AD.

The success of St. Jacob's Episcopal ministry is confirmed in the remarkable miracles that were attributed to him. In particular, he is said to have healed countless people from physical disabilities and even complete paralysis. His total trust in Jesus Christ, along with his heartfelt compassion for human suffering seemed to be distilled into such concrete and vivid feats of healing. His reputation as a man of God spread far and wide and translated into innumerable cases of Pagans and Jews turning their lives over to Jesus Christ. He is one of the signatories of the first Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325 AD.

# ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

## Απολυτικά

## Apolytikia

### Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτικίον. ᾠχος πλ. δ'

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγγνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode pl. 4

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

### Ἀπολυτικίον τῆς Ἑορτῆς ᾠχος α'

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανέρωθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίον τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

### Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 1

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You.

### Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων. ᾠχος πλ. δ'

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοῖς μεταστασι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

### Kontakion for the Departed. Mode pl. 4

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

### Ἀπολυτικίον τοῦ Ναοῦ. ᾠχος δ'

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

### Apolytikion of the Church. Mode 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery which was hidden from eternity. The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel announces the grace of this Good News. Let us also join with him, calling to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Woman full of grace; the Lord is with you.

### Κοντάκιον ᾠχος δ'

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

### Kontakion. Mode 4

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 .



# Sunday After Theophany – Κυριακή Μετά τα Φώτα

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING IS FROM:  
ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 4:7-13  
READER: NIKOLAOS CONSTANTINIDES

PROKEIMENON:     *LET YOUR MERCY, O LORD, BE UPON US.*  
VERSE:            *REJOICE IN THE LORD, O YOU RIGHTEOUS.*

**B**RETHREN, 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.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 4:12-17

**A**t 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."

*"Take up and read, take up and read."* St. Augustine, *Confessions XII*

**DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 51 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK**





### ACOLYTES GROUP ONE

Alex Simites  
Athanasios Grivakis  
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Lucas Karatassos  
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Robby Keenan  
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Alexia Spetsaris  
Anastasia Zaharis  
Emily De Leon  
Helen Laszlo  
Isabella De Leon

Natalia De Leon  
Patricia Jackson  
Phoebe Franklin  
Zoe Franklin

The following Parish Council members will be on duty today during the Service:  
Group: St. Gregory the Theologian

Irene Fotos  
George Karolis

Noula Zaharis  
Stacie Nefos

George Katsoudas  
Ned Biehler

## GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*Holy Communion* is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with the clergy. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let parents with their babies and the elderly approach first. Thank you.

## **WELCOME EVERYONE!**

Welcome everyone! We extend a warm welcome to our visitors worshipping with us today in our Cathedral. You are invited to join us for our fellowship following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in Carlos Hall next to the Church. Thank you for your visit! Please stop by our hospitality table and sign the register in the Narthex.

**“when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit”**

Titus 3:4-5

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