

Christ Is Born!



Glory to God in the Highest!



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FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 25, 2019

**Celebrants: V. Rev. Fr. Timothy Ferguson, Rev. Fr. Gregory Harrigle,
Subdeacon Douglas Howdy, Subdeacon James Irving, Subdeacon Angelo Niquila**

While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to venerate the Cross and receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Special note: Except for those who are elderly and/or disabled, please remain standing during Holy Communion.

Variations in Today's Divine Liturgy At the Entrance (Service Book page 97):

1. **THIRD ANTIPHON:** The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. The Lord shall send Thee a rod of strength out of Zion. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of Thy saints.
2. **APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY - Tone 4:** Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.
3. **THE ENTRANCE HYMN:** From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent; thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.
4. **SAME AS NO. 2 ABOVE.**
5. **KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY - Tone 3:** Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Transcendent in essence; the earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable One; the angels with the shepherds glorify Him; and the Magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child hath been born for our sakes, God before the ages.

Instead of "Holy God..." sing: "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia."

*PROKEIMENON: Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee.
Shout with joy to God, all the earth.*

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:4-7)

BRETHREN, when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:1-12)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Arabic phonetics)

**ABANA LLATHI FI SSAMAWAT / LI-YATAQADAS ISMUK / LI-YATI
MALAKOOTUK/ LI-TAKUN MA-SHEEATUK / KAMA FI SSAMA-EE
KATHALIKA ALA L-ARD/ KHUBZANA L-JAWHARI AHTINA L-YOWM /
WATRUK LANA MA ALYNA, KAMA NATRUKU NAHNU LIMAN LANA ALYH
/ WA LA TUDKHILNA FI TAJRIBAH / LAKIN NAJJINA MINA SHIRR-EER.**

Megalynarion: (Special for the Feast of the Nativity). *Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts.* I beheld a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath lain Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify Him.

Koinonikon (Communion Hymn): The Lord hath sent redemption unto His people. Alleluia.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." sing the Troparion of the Nativity in Tone 4.

Dismissal: May He Who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother;...

†ALL ALTAR SERVERS ARE WELCOME TO SERVE THIS EVENING†

†THE OFFERINGS†

Altar Bread, Altar Candle and Prayers of Oblation are offered for the health of:
George and Widaa Khoury and family by Jane Khoury Adamo.
Nadim, Hala, Rawan, Victor and Rita Barakat and families and children by Rula Barakat.

Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Prayers of Oblation are offered for the good health of Joseph Mitri & family by Alisar Mitri.

Altar Bread is offered for the health of:
Ibrahim and Houda, Bacem & family, Antoune & family, Adib & family, Elie & family, Nadim & family by Ibrahim and Houda Lakkis.

Robert Haddad and family.
Hamid, Salam, Nicole, Nicolas and Jana Daaboul.
Ghassan, Rita, Aya Sophia and Ava Maria Moussa.
Bassam Moussa.

†THE OFFERINGS†

Altar Bread, Altar Candle and Prayers of Oblation are offered in beloved memory of:
Ibrahim Khoury by Jane Khoury Adamo.
Canaan, Miriam and Karimeh by Rula Barakat.

Altar Bread, Prayers of Oblation and Votive Candle (5 day) are offered in beloved memory of
Joseph and Alexandra Maalouf and Andrea Maalouf by their children.

Altar Bread is offered in beloved memory of:
Archdn. Elias and Millie Hamaty by Deb and Dan Galambos & family.
Elias Mitri by Alisar Mitri.
Michel Audi by Widad Audi.
Hanna, Mariam, Karam and Rose by Yacoub Fadel & family.
Samira and Fawzi Wehbe by Bassem Wehbe & family.
Farid Audy by Salam Audy & family.
Ramez Metri.

Altar Wine is offered for the health of Marie Elena Nassif and her family.

Prayers of Oblation are offered for the continued good health of:
Elizabeth Votruba by Theresa and Paul & family; by Marilyn Ganame.
Debbie, with love, by Greg.
David and Lydia & family, Stephen and Shannon & family and Adam & Family by Deb and Dan Galambos.
Michael, Vera, Jabar and Oula and Joyce by Vera Sassine.
Our family, Elias, Laurde, Omar, Emad, Zana, Michael, Salam, Noor and Hanna by Elias and Laurde Audy.
Labebe, Rania, Nedal, George and Raghida and their families by Labebe.
Adib Lakis & family.
Fredy, Rima, Nabil and Nancy Audy.
Anissa Metri, her children and families.

Prayers of Oblation are offered in beloved memory of:
Youssef Amine Mansour by Elias Youssef Mansour & family.
Joseph, Georgette Maalouf and Rached J. Maalouf by their family.
Herbert M. and Lorraine K. (Deban) Laham and Jeffrey L. Laham by their family.
Sonia Daly Belcher by her family.

Prayers of Oblation are offered in beloved memory of: (Cont'd)

Nora Abdalah by Mollie Feeney.

Halim by Labebe.

Nicolas Daaboul.

Michael, Matilda and Mary Hamaty.

René and Nabil.

Christmas Poinsettias and Wreaths are offered for the continued good health of:

Our grandmother, Agnes Ferguson, by Christina, Michael and Luke, Brendan and Angela.

The Galambos Family and The Clergy of St. George and The Parish Council of St. George by Dan and Deb Galambos.

Linda (Deraney) Doyle and Pauline Nicholas by Joseph and Georgette Deraney Best.

The Howdy and Musto Families by Subdeacon Douglas Howdy.

Rose Deban by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rick and Lorraine; Donna and Mitchell; Bruce, Chrissy, Eliana and Ava and Mark, Claudia and Ian by Joan Laham.

Robert and Gladys, Kenny, Tricia, Eddie and Michael, Bobby, Eileen, Kyle and Trevor and Carol, Paul and Robert by Robert and Gladys Laham.

Frank, Elizabeth, Kimberly, George, George Frank and Kassiani, Michael, Marissa, Tommy, The Mahoney and Tannas Families, Theresa Votruba & family and Robert and Gladys Laham & family by Frank and Elizabeth Votruba.

Paul, Theresa, Krysten, Scott, Jack and Matthew, Meaghan, Dustin and Madison, Mansour Tannas & family, the Votruba Family, the Matook Family, Thomas Tannas, Marian Mahoney and Robert and Gladys Laham & family by Paul and Theresa Mahoney.

Marilyn, Anjoul, Tarek, Talal, Tamara, Michael and Julia by Marilyn Ganame.

The Malone, Annatone and Elias Families by William and Maryanne Malone & family.

The Laham, Maloof, Shahood, Olson, Haddad and Baier Families by Richard and Arlene Laham.

Our families by Sam and Joan Hanna.

Edward, Laurice, Anne, Caroline, Stephen, Bailey and Matty by Edward and Laurice David.

The Sallale, Edward G. Daher and Stephen and Linda Bedard Families by Moussa Sallale & family.

Steve Sarkis by Tony and Eliana Daly & family.

Pauline Nicholas; Christopher, Tracy and Drew Nicholas; Todd, Kat, Chase and Hunter Nicholas; and for Jack Hanna and Mary Lou Oden by Paul and Janet Nicholas.

The Samara and Salloum Families by Khalil and Mariah Samara & family.

Lily Shwayri, the Fayad Family and the Choueiri Family by Roula and Michel Fayad.

Lina Gallotto and family, Ghada Ponte and family, Rula Maroun and family and Najib Dagher and family by Georgette Dagher.

Deborah and Kevin Healy, Sarkis, Kristy, Kayleigh and Sarkis Apar by Carol Apar.

Allison, Trad and Michael, the Litchfield Family and Apar Family by John and Janet Ryan.

Georgette by Georgette Rammah.

The Khoury Family and the Soof Family by Jane Khoury Adamo.

The Parish Family of St. George by Fran and Leo Stack & family.

Christmas Poinsettias and Wreaths are offered in beloved memory of:

Our grandparents, who have fallen asleep in the Lord, Joseph Ferguson and Philius and Simone Boisvert by Christina, Michael and Luke, Brendan and Angela. *Memory Eternal!*

Archdn. Ely Hamaty, and Millie Hamaty, Moses, Noor, Stephen, David, Helen, Eleanor, Mary, Ann, Josie, Gloria, Lila, Pauline, Sammy, Anita, Philip, Mildred, Matthew, Frank, Archimandrite Elias, Camella, George, Libby, Mitchell, Matilda, Michael, Charlotte, Louis, Elias Zayady, Edward Hamaty, Elias Teebagy, Rose and John Stanton, Lillian and Joseph Mobayed, Alfred Naddaff, Mary Hamaty and Sonia Daly Belcher by Deb and Dan Galambos & family.

Richard D. Laham by his family.

Fred F. Deban by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Departed members of the Malone, Annatone and Elias Family by William and Maryanne Malone & family.

Joseph and Jeannette Ganame by Marilyn Ganame.

James G. and Rose (Nicholas) Deraney, Andrew J. Deraney, Beverly R. Deraney, Elias and Julia (Hamaty) Nicholas, John A., Sr. and Mary (Nicholas) Hanna, Josephine Nicholas, Agnes Nicholas, Edward E. Nicholas, George and Bahia (Rawan) Deraney, Mary Deraney, Frederick and Nouha (Homs) Deraney, Josephine (Deraney) Ashe, Louis Deraney and Thomas Doyle by Joseph and Georgette Deraney Best.

Michael and Yvonne Nassif and George and Theresa Nassif & family by Mary Gaeta and Michelle Rizzo & families.

Monsour, Nellie, Roger and Malakie Laham, Michael, Helen, Doris and Louise Joseph and Frances Tannas by Robert and Gladys Laham & family.

Tofe and Frances Tannas, Michael, Helen, Louise and Doris Joseph, Walter Votruba and Danielle Tannas by Frank and Elizabeth Votruba.

Frances and Tofe Tannas, Danielle Tannas, Michael, Helen, Doris and Louise Joseph, Paul Mahoney and James Crowley by Paul and Theresa Mahoney.

William Howdy by Josephine Howdy & family.

Mitchell and Victoria Laham, Louise and Lillian Maloof and all our dearly departed loved ones by Richard and Arlene Laham.

Claudette Sallale, George, Labibi, Jeannette, Raji, Georgette Daher and Carol Germaine by Moussa Sallale & family.

Sam and Mary Deraney, Victoria, George, Joseph and Richard and Gloria Deraney, Jennie (Deraney) and James McAvoy and Madeline (Deraney) Frisoli by Raymond and Mary Lou Sabbag; by Moussa Sallale & family.

Sonia Daly Belcher by Tony and Eliane Daly & family.

Francine Cardona by her son Michael Cardona.

Dede, Lila and Mitchell Moses by their family.

Edward E. Nicholas by his wife Pauline, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Nadim Shwayri, Nicolas Fayad, Gisele Fayad, Joumana Fayad and Marie Stephan by Roula and Michel Fayad.

Elias, Zarifeh, Elias, Almaza, Mariam, Ursula, Hanneh, Linda, Yusif, Jihad, Nabil, Daad, Leila, Salwa and Nassif by Georgette Dagher.

George and Evelyn Ayoub and ArtinApar by Carol Apar.

George and Evelyn Ayoub, Karma Ayoub, Jeanette Ryan, Cheryl Keady and Artin Apar by John and Janet Ryan.

Bichara Rammah and Khalayek Rammah by Georgette Rammah.

Sami Kamel and Ibrahim and Jeanette Haddad by Robert and Pascale Haddad & family.

Ibrahim Khoury, Abed Khoury, David Khoury, Wafa Soof Gergeous, Evon Soof, Kamleh Soof, Osama Khoury by Jane Khoury Adamo.

Majeed, Mentaha, Barbara and George by Edward and Laurice David.

Christmas Poinsettias and Wreaths are offered in beloved memory of: (Cont'd)
Nazira Maloof, Elias Maloof, Jamil Maloof, Richard and Mary (El-Thife) Germaine, Carol Maloof Germaine and William R. Germaine, Sr., Georgette Daher and Claudette Sallale by the Germaine Family.

Altar Candle (1 month) is offered in loving remembrance of Norma Sarah and Linda Rahme Toney by their Family.

●**Votive Candle (5 day)** is offered for the health of William M. and Maryanne Malone by their family.

●**Votive Candle (5 day)** is offered in beloved memory of Archdn. Elias and Millie Hamaty, David Hamaty and Stephen Hamaty by Deb and Dan Galambos & family.

Let us remember in our prayers our hospitalized brethren, especially: Henri Ghantous (Beth Israel); Dennis Lagerblade (German Ctr., W. Roxbury); Mahassen Fares (Hellenic Nursing & Rehab, Canton); Michel Dagher (Armenian Nursing & Rehab). Let us also remember those who are ill and/or recuperating at home: George Fares, Jack Hanna, George Elias, Eleanor Corraro, and Christine Intraversato. If a member or your family is in the hospital or recuperating at home, please call the church and let us know as soon as possible.

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*AL MASSEHOO WOOLEEDA
FA MAJEEDOOHOO
CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORIFY HIM!*



**CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORIFY HIM!
Wishing You a Very
Blessed and Joyous
Christmas**

May the Joy of this Feast fill you and yours with Gladness and may the Spirit of Christmas remain with us all.

*Love and Blessings to All,
Fr. Timothy and Louise*

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Nativity 2019

O the depth of riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! The instrument of sin that had brought death upon all flesh is become the first fruit of salvation for the whole world through the Theotokos. For the All-Perfect God is born of her as a babe; by His birth he setteth the seal on her virginity, while loosing cords of sin with his swaddling bands. And by becoming a child, He healeth Eve's travailing in sorrows. Wherefore let all creation dance and leap for joy, for Christ is come to call it back again and to save our souls.

Aposticha Doxastikon by St. John of Damascus

May our All-Perfect God grant to you and your loved ones all the joy, grace, and peace graciously bestowed to those who come to worship and glorify Him at the cave now become a heaven and the manger now become a cherubic throne. Let us join all of creation in dancing and leaping for joy at this feast, and may this joy carry us into the new year renewed spiritually for the holy labors that lay ahead of us.

With prayers and best wishes for a feast filled with God's grace and a new year replete with both heavenly and earthly blessings, I remain,

Yours in the service of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)



ORTHODOX SCOUTING AWARDS



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The Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting offers these awards to any Orthodox Christian boy or girl who is registered as a Cub Scout, Brownies, Girl Scout Junior, Trail Life USA, American Heritage Girls, Camp Fire, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts USA.

All eligible Scouts from our Parish are encouraged to earn these awards which will be awarded by His Grace Bishop JOHN during St. George Weekend.

If you are a scout that is potentially interested, please contact Fr. Timothy, Angelo Niquila or Khalil Samara for more info.

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for Grades 1, 2, and 3

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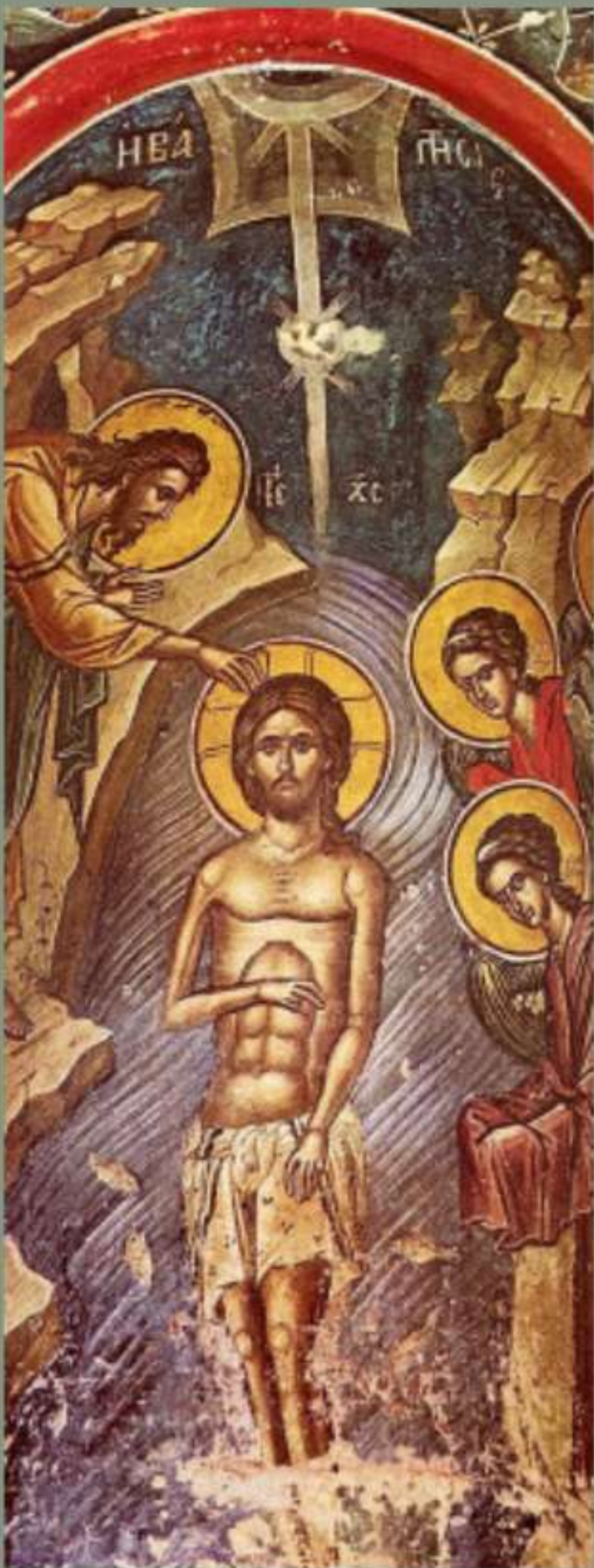
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ALPHA OMEGA AWARD
for Grades 6-12

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His Grace Bishop JOHN
and the Diocese clergy invite
you to

The Great Feast of
THEOPHANY

JANUARY 6

MATINS 5:30 PM
DIVINE LITURGY 7 PM
with the
Blessing of the Water

ST. GEORGE CHURCH
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