

Saintly Notes

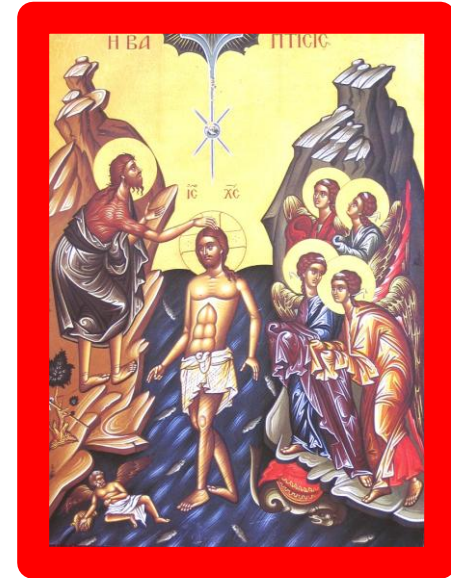
The Prophet Malachi (January 3)

Malachi was the last of the prophets in time. He was born after the return of the Hebrews from the Babylonian Captivity in 538 B.C. He was unusually handsome in countenance. According to legend, the people called him an angel, perhaps because of his external beauty or because of his spiritual purity, or even, perhaps because of his association with an angel of God.

On many occasions he spoke face to face with an angel. When this occurred, others heard the voice of an angel; but they were not worthy to see the face of the angel. That which the angel proclaimed, the young Malachi prophesied. He cried out against ungrateful Israel and against the lawless priests.

Five hundred years before Christ, Malachi clearly prophesied the coming and the mission of John the Baptist: “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me” (Malachi 3:7). Mainly, he is the prophet of the day of the Dreadful Judgment. “Before the day of the Lord comes, the great and terrible day” (Malachi 3: 23-24). He presented himself to the Lord while still young. Following him, there were no more prophets in Israel until John the Baptist.

(The Prologue from Ochrid, Birmingham, 1985, Lazarica Press)



Sunday before the Theophany of Christ

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The Rev. Philip Pelikan, Priest
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January 3, 2010

The Saints Whom We Remember

Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King,
and James the brother of the Lord

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Mon: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: 6:30p Eve. Divine Liturgy for Epiphany/Blessing of the Water;
8:15p Potluck (Parish Hall)
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

Tone 5

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 5

See above.

Troparion

for the Forefeast of Epiphany—Tone 4

Make ready, O Zebulon, and prepare, O Nephtali, and thou, River Jordan, cease thy flow and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized. And thou, Adam, rejoice with the first mother, and hide not yourselves as ye did of old in paradise; for having seen thee naked, He appeared to clothe thee with the first robe. Yea, Christ hath appeared desiring to renew the whole creation.

Troparion

of All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people,

grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

for the Forefeast of Epiphany—Tone 4

Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan, crying to John and saying, Be not dismayed at my Baptism; for I have verily come to save Adam, the first to be created.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Eph. 4:7–13
Gospel: Matt. 4:12–17

Megalynarion—Tone 8

It is truly meet and right . . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg.

Special Attention

- **Please Note the Epiphany House Blessing Sign-Up Sheets on the Wall Opposite the Doors to the Parish Hall.**

- **Thank You.** To our All Saints family for your many expressions of love during this Christmas Season. We love you all and pray for a peaceful and blessed New Year. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

*Fr. Nicholas and Khr. Barbara
and Family*

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.

†**Epistle: 2 Tim. 4:5–8 (RSV)**

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill 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, and 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.

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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 strap 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."

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“The Lord justified and sanctified the line of His forefathers. Likewise, every one of us, if we follow Christ, can justify ourselves in our individual being, having restored the Divine image in us through total repentance, and by so doing can help to justify our own forefathers. We bear in ourselves the legacy of the sins of our ancestors; and, by virtue of the ontological unity of the human race, healing for us means healing for them, too. We are so interjoined that man does not save himself alone.”

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