

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
The Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
The Out-of-Doors Blessing of Water

IDIOMELA IN TONE EIGHT

The voice of the Lord upon the waters crieth aloud, saying: Come ye all, and receive the Spirit of wisdom, the Spirit of understanding, the Spirit of the fear of God, from Christ who is made manifest. (2x)

Today the nature of the waters is sanctified, and the Jordan is parted in two; it holds back the stream of its own waters, seeing the Master wash himself. (2x)

O Christ the King, thou hast come unto the river as a man, and in thy goodness thou dost make haste to receive the baptism of a servant at the hands of the Forerunner, for the sake of our sins, O thou who lovest mankind. (2x).

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

At the voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord,’ thou hast come, O Lord, taking the form of a servant, and thou who knowest not sin dost ask for baptism. The waters saw thee and were afraid; the Forerunner was seized with trembling and cried aloud, saying: How shall the lamp illuminate the Light? How shall the servant set his hand upon the Master? O Saviour who takest away the sin of the world, sanctify both me and the waters. (cadence)

## THE GOSPEL

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the holy gospel, let us beseech the Lord our God.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

All: And to thy spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:9-11)

All: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove; and a voice came from Heaven: Thou art My beloved Son; with Thee I am well pleased.

All: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## THE AUGMENTED GREAT LITANY (FOR THE BLESSING)

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For our father and Metropolitan N (, for our Archbishop N,) for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For the President of the United States, for all civil authorities, and for our Armed Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful, who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That this water be sanctified by the power, act and descent of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That it may be given the grace of redemption and the blessing of the Jordan, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That it may serve to the averting of every plot of the enemies, both visible and invisible, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That the Lord God may hearken unto the voice of supplication of us sinners and have mercy on us, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the Hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, be gracious, O Master, toward our sins, and have mercy on us.

For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

## THE PEACE

Priest: Peace be to all.

All: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

All: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: Incline Thine ear, O Lord, and hear us. O Thou Who didst sanctify water when Thou didst consent to be baptized in the Jordan, bless us all, who by the bowing of our heads have signified our bondage; and make us worthy to be filled with Thy sanctification, by the receiving of this water and its sprinkling. Let it be to us, O Lord, for health of soul and body.

For Thou art the sanctification of our souls and bodies, and to Thee we ascribe glory, thanksgiving and worship, with the Father Who hath no beginning and Thine All-holy, good and Life-giving Spirit, the God and Author of life, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

All: Amen.

- *The priest blesses the water in the form of a cross, and immerses the hand cross up and down, holding it straight, into the water.*

# APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST - TONE ONE

(3x)



When Thou, O Lord, wast bap-tized in the Jor - dan, the wor-ship of  
the Tri-ni - ty was made ma - ni - fest. For the voice of the Fa -  
ther bare wit - ness to Thee, and ca - lled Thee His be - lo - ved  
Son. And the Spi - rit in the like - ness of a dove, con - firmed  
the truth - ful - ness of His word. O Christ our God, who  
hast re - vealed thy - self and hast en - light - ened the world, glo - ry to Thee.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: The blessing of the Lord and his mercy come upon you through his divine grace and love toward mankind, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen.

## THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (3x).  
Father, bless.

Priest: May He Who ... of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints:

Priest: Make our prayer acceptable;

All: Amen.

Priest: Grant us forgiveness of our trespasses;

All: Amen.

Priest: Shelter us and those at sea under the shelter of thy wings;

All: Amen.

Priest: Drive away from us every enemy and adversary;

All: Amen.

Priest: Give peace to our life.

All: Amen.

Priest: O dLord, have mercy on us and on thy world, and save our souls for thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

All: Amen.