JANUARY 6 The Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

The First Antiphon

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, (*Ps. 113:1*)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. (Ps. 113:2) (Refrain)

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. (Ps. 113:3) (Refrain)

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back? (*Ps.* 113:5) (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (*Refrain*)

The Second Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication. (Ps. 114:1)

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (*Ps. 114:2*) (*Refrain*)

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 114:3-4a) (Refrain)*

Gracious and righteous is the Lord; our God is merciful. (Ps. 114:5) (Refrain)

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

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...")

The Third Antiphon

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:1)

Tone 1 Troparion

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, and called You His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself// and have enlightened the world, glory to You.

Let the house of Israel now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*Ps.* 117:2)

Troparion of the Feast

Let the house of Aaron now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*Ps. 117:3*)

Troparion of the Feast

Let those who fear the Lord now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*Ps.* 117:4)

Troparion of the Feast

Entrance Verse

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord; God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us. (*Ps.* 117:25*b*-26)

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Tone 4 Kontakion

Today You have shone forth to the <u>world</u>, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been <u>marked</u> on us. Knowing You, we sing Your <u>prais</u>es: "You have come and re<u>vealed</u> Yourself,// O unap<u>proach</u>able Light."

(Instead of the Trisagion)

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (*Ps.* 117:26b, 27b)

V. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (*Ps.* 117:1)

Epistle (302) Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Tone 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams. (Ps. 28:1a)

V. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon many waters. (*Ps.* 28:3)

Gospel (6) Matthew 3:13-17

(Instead of "It is truly meet...," we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos; even angels are overcome with awe praising you. But since you are good, accept our faith; for you know our love inspired by God! You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. (*Titus* 2:11) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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