

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Venerable Theodosius the Great, Abbot, AD 529

January 11, 2026

MATINS

Versicle and Response 11

Venite 11

Psalms: 72, 97

Lesson: Genesis 28:10 - end

Versicle & Response*

Benedictus

Kyrie eleison & Lord's Prayer

Prayers & Benediction 17

*Officiant: All they from Sheba shall come.

People: They shall bring gold and incense, and shall show forth the praises of the Lord.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. GREGORY THE DIALOGIST

Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may approach the Chalice for Holy Communion, but everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after the Liturgy.

Opening Hymn: 328

Preparation 82

Introit

Kyrie and Gloria: 85

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Epistle & Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Sermon

Nicene Creed & Litany

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Sursum Corda

Sanctus

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Dismissal & Angelus

Hymn: 63

COLLECT Attend, O Lord, we beseech Thee, of Thy heavenly mercy, to the desires of Thy suppliant people; and grant that they may both perceive what they ought to do, and may have strength to fulfill the same. Through our Lord.

LESSON (Isaiah 42:1-9) Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken

you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

EPISTLE (Rom. 12:1-5). Brethren, I beseech you by the mercy of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing unto God, your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be reformed in the newness of your mind: that you may prove what is the good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of God. For I say, by the grace that is given me, to all that are among you, not to be more wise than it behoveth to be wise, but to be wise unto sobriety: and according as God hath divided to every one the measure of faith. For as in one body we have many members, but all the members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL (Lk. 2:42-52). And when Jesus was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast, and having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not. And thinking that he was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought him among their kinsfolks and acquaintance. And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his wisdom and his answers. And seeing him, they wondered. And his mother said to him: Son, why hast thou done so to us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said to them: How is it that you sought me? did ye not know that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the word that he spoke unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and was subject to them. And his mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men.

SECRET May the sacrifice which is offered to Thee, O Lord, ever give us life and protect us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION We humbly entreat Thee, Almighty God, to grant to those whom Thou hast refreshed with Thy Sacraments, that they may serve Thee worthily by a life well pleasing to Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end

Never, never, never let anyone tell you that, in order to be Orthodox, you must be Eastern. The West was fully Orthodox for a thousand years, and her venerable liturgy is far older than any of her heresies.

Saint John Maximovitch

REMEMBER BABY WASH FOR THE HEAD TO TOE HYGIENE PANTRY. BRING YOUR GROCERIES FOR THE PARK CITY FOOD PANTRY DO NOT FORGET SIMILAC FOR THE TREEHOUSE

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is Sunday, February 1 following Liturgy.

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SERVICES & MEETINGS

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| Wednesday, Jan 14 | 6p Divine Liturgy |
| Thursday, Jan 15 | Jesus Prayer 7pm |
| Saturday, Jan 17 | Catechism 2:30p 4:30p Vespers & Confession |
| Sunday, January 18 | Epiphany II 9:00a Adult Class 9:45a Matins 10a Divine Liturgy |

JESUS' INCREASE IN WISDOM AND STATURE reflects His growing capacity to fulfill His divine mission. As He matured, His wisdom became evident in how He understood and taught the Scriptures, and He astounded the teachers in the temple at just twelve years old ([Luke 2:46–47](#)). Growth is significant in the lives of all believers. Just as Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, Christians are called to grow in understanding God's Word and spiritual maturity. [Ephesians 4:15](#) encourages believers to "grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (ESV). This growth involves cultivating a deep relationship with God, gaining wisdom through His Word, and maturing to live as redeemed people. The sketch of Jesus' human development in [Luke 2:52](#) serves as a model for all His followers, showing that growth in wisdom and stature is possible and necessary for a life of faith.

Theodosius the Cenobiarach or Theodosius the Great (c. 423–529) was a Cappadocian Christian monk, abbot, and saint who was a founder and organizer of the cenobitic way of monastic life in the Judaean desert. His feast day is on January 11.

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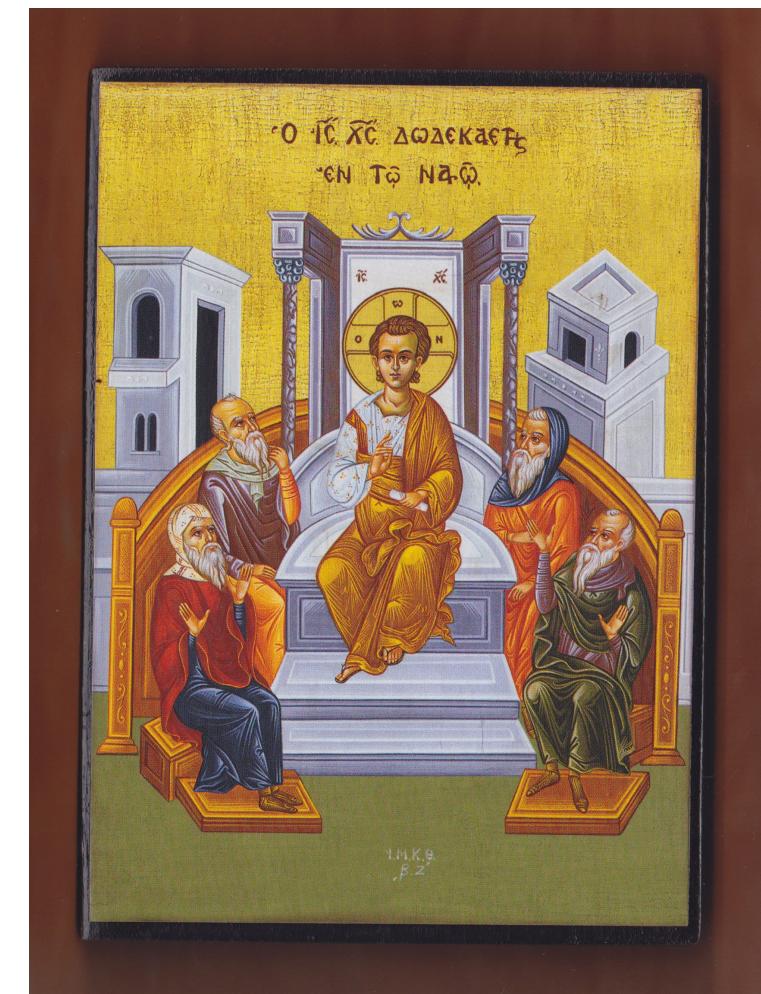
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