

**Sunday After Theophany**  
**Ephesians 4: 7 - 13**                      **Matthew 4: 12 - 17**

**Beatitude Verses**

6 from Octoechos for Resurrection  
4 from Festal Menaion, Canon Ode 7 for the Feast of Theophany

**People:** In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!

**Reader:** O God my Savior, remember me in Your kingdom, and save me, for You alone love mankind.

**People:** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

**Reader:** By a tree was Adam deceived; yet again by the Tree of the Cross was the Robber saved, who cried out: O Lord, remember me in Your kingdom!

**People:** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

**Reader:** O Bestower of Life, You broke down the gates and portals of hades. O Savior, You save all who cry out to You: Glory to Your resurrection!

**People:** Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

**Reader:** O You who by Your burial have made death captive, and by Your resurrection have filled all with joy: remember me, as You are compassionate.

**People:** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

**Reader:** The myrrh-bearing women who came to the tomb heard an angel cry out: Christ, who has enlightened all things is risen!

**People:** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

**Reader:** Together let us all praise Christ, who was nailed to the Cross and has rescued the world from deception.

**People:** Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

**Reader:** The angelic powers stood by the Jordan with trembling and wonder, as they do in Heaven, while they watched the great condescension of God. He who holds dominion over the waters that are above the firmament, now stands in the waters in bodily form. He is the God of our fathers.

**People:** Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

**Reader:** The sea and cloud in which the people of Israel were once baptised by Moses the Lawgiver, as they journeyed from Egypt, prefigured the miracle of the baptism of God. The sea was an image of the water and the cloud was an image of the Spirit, whereby we are initiated and cry aloud: Blessed are You, O God of our fathers.

**People:** **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Reader:** O Christ, You have quenched the fierce Assyrian flame that prefigured You by transforming it into dew. Now You have clothed Yourself in water, and You burn up the evil malice hidden in its depths. It is a malice that calls men to follow the path which leads to destruction.

**People:** **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Reader:** O Christ, we know that in the beginning You brought the all-ruining flood upon the world for the lamentable destruction of all things. You who reveals and works most great and strange miracles now drowns sin in the waters of Your compassion, for You are the salvation of mortal men.

## **Troparia & Kontakia**

### **Resurrection Troparion Tone 6**

**People:**

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb,  
those who guarded You fell down mortified.  
Mary stood inside the tomb seeking Your immaculate body.  
You overthrew Hades and were not harmed by it.  
You came to the Virgin and granted her life.  
O Lord who rose from the dead, glory to You.

**Troparion of Theophany**  
**Tone 1**

**People:**

O Lord, when You were baptized in the Jordan, /  
the worship of the Trinity was revealed; /  
for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, /  
calling You His beloved Son. /  
And the Spirit in the form of a dove /  
confirmed the certainty of His word. /  
O Christ our God, who has revealed Himself, //  
and has illumined the world, glory to You.

**People:**      Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion of Theophany**  
**Tone 4**

**People:**

Today You have revealed Yourself to the whole world, /  
and the light of Your face was stamped upon us O Lord, /  
who praise You with understanding: /  
You have come, You have revealed Yourself, //  
O Unapproachable Light.

**People:**      Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Resurrection Kontakion**  
**Tone 6**

**People:**

Christ the Giver of Life, /  
having raised the dead from the dark abyss by His life-giving hand, /  
has granted Resurrection upon the fallen human race; /  
for He is the Savior of all, /  
the Resurrection, and the Life, //  
and the God of all.

**Prokeimenon of the Afterfeast  
Tone 1**

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

**Priest:** Peace be to all.

**Reader:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

**People:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

**Reader:** Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.

**People:** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

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**People:** Just as we hope in You.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

**Deacon:** Let us attend.

**Epistle  
Ephesians 4: 7 - 13**

**Reader:** Brethren, grace has been granted to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, God says, "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." Now what does "He ascended" mean, if not that He first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who also ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things. He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some shepherds and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for a work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ. This is until we all attain to the unity of the faith and to the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, having reached the very fullness of Christ.

**Priest:** Peace be to you the reader.

**Reader:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** Wisdom!

**Alleluiarion of the Afterfeast  
Tone 5**

**Reader:** Alleluia in the 5th Tone.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Reader:** O Lord, I will sing of Your mercies forever; I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth from generation to generation.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Reader:** For You said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your truth shall be prepared in the heavens.

**People:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel**

**Deacon:** Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Matthew.

**Priest:** May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Matthew, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Deacon:** Amen.

**Priest:** Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

**People:** And to your spirit.

**Deacon:** The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

**Priest:** Let us attend.

**Deacon:** **Matthew 4: 12 - 17**

**People:** Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

### ***The Hymn to the Theotokos***

Or the Magnification (Megalynarion) of the Feast

Instead of "It is truly right..." we sing the Megalynarion and Irmos of the 9th Ode of the First Canon of the Feast:

#### ***Irmos Tone 2***

***Refrain:*** Magnify, O my soul, her who is greater in honor than the hosts on high, the All-Pure Virgin Theotokos.

***Irmos:*** O Theotokos, every tongue is at a loss to praise you worthily, /  
and every heavenly spirit is amazed praising you. /  
Accept our faith as you are good. /  
You know very well that our love is inspired by God. //  
For you are the Protector of Christians, and we magnify you.

#### ***Communion Verse (Koinonikon)***

***People:***

***Resurrection:*** Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

***Theophany:*** Truly, the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.