

January 11th, 2026

31th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 6

Afterfeast of the Theophany | Ven. Theodosius the Great

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle 224-ctr)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel 8)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Venerable Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch

Venerable Theodosius the Great (5th-6th century), was born in Cappadocia to pious parents, showed early devotion through church reading and singing. After visiting the Holy Land and receiving a prophetic blessing from St. Simeon the Stylite, he lived as a hermit for 30 years in a Palestinian cave traditionally linked to the Magi. When disciples flocked to him, he founded the first major cenobitic Lavra—guided miraculously by a censer igniting in the desert—which grew to house up to 700 monks, emphasizing communal life, hospitality to the poor, shelters for strangers and the dying, and multilingual services. Renowned for compassion and miracles (including multiplying bread in famines, destroying locusts, healings, and saving lives), he boldly defended Orthodoxy against the Eutychian heresy under Emperor Anastasius, enduring brief imprisonment. At age 105, he foretold his peaceful repose to three bishops and was buried in his original cave.

Many Years!

birthdays

- 1st - Kelsey Hlatki
- 5th - Margo Wilkinson
- 6th - Logan Bourg
- 8th - Tammy Christensen
- 10th - Michael Hunter
- 10th - Sheahan Bourg
- 15th - Fr. David Lowell
- 20th - Litsa Osburn
- 22nd - Jeremy Gardner
- 24th - Rowelin Dawson

Calendar

- January 14th Moleben | Adult Class
— Wednesday 6:30p
- January 17th Vespers
— Saturday 6:30p
- January 18th Divine Liturgy
— Sunday 9:30a
- January 19th Continental Divide
Water Blessing / Fellowship
— Monday 10:30a

House Blessings

As we celebrate the great feast of Theophany and participate in the blessing of the waters by our Lord, we joyfully continue the beautiful Orthodox tradition of house blessings. Fr. George warmly invites every household in our parish to schedule a visit for the blessing of your home in the coming weeks.

Our homes are meant to be “little churches,” places where we pray, show love, and welcome Christ into our daily lives. Having your home sprinkled with holy water from the Theophany water blessing and filled with the prayers of the Church renews this sacred calling and brings great grace to all who dwell there.

This cherished tradition has been part of our Orthodox faith for generations! Please reach out soon to Fr. George to arrange a convenient time—let us faithfully uphold this joyous custom together and open our doors to receive the Lord’s abundant blessings!

Annual Meeting

Dear parishioners, please join me in extending a profound and heartfelt thank you to our current Starosta, Treasurer, and Secretary, along with the entire parish council, for their extraordinary dedication and tireless service—especially throughout this past year when we navigated so many challenges without a full-time priest. Your steadfast leadership has kept our parish strong, united, and full of hope, and we are deeply grateful for all you have done.

As we prepare for our annual meeting date TBA, I warmly invite each of you to attend this important voting gathering and to prayerfully consider serving in the open positions on the parish council and executive board. Your gifts, perspective, and willingness to serve are truly needed as we continue building a vibrant future together. Whether you feel called to one of these roles or simply want to support those who do, your presence will make a difference. Let us come together with gratitude and enthusiasm.

If you have an interest in serving, please let Fr. George know.

Troparion | Tone 6 (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion | Tone 1 (Feast)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Troparion | Tone 8 (Ven. Theodosius)

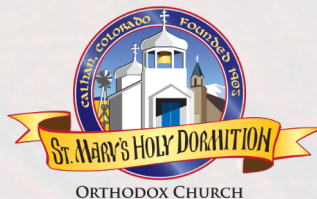
By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe. Our Father Theodosius, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion | Tone 6 (Resurrection)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion | Tone 4 (Feast)

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises: “Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, O unapproachable Light.”



Prayer List

living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Combs Family

Dee, Harold, Libbie and the Infant Lawrence, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard & Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

Departed: Gavin

Those with child: Mka. Lindsey

Those who are confined: Basil, Hannah, Theodore

Commemorations

Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Venerable Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch, Venerable Michael the Fool-for-Christ of the Klops Monastery, Novgorod, Saint Theodosius of Antioch, Venerable Theodosius, Metropolitan of Trebizond, Yelets Icon of the Mother of God

Snow Blessing!



As many of you know, there is an effort to travel to the the top of the Continental Divide every January to bless the snow that will melt and water both the eastern and western slope. Several other parishes in the area attend this event. This year, the blessing will take place on January 19 on top of:

Monarch Passs (US Hwy. 50)
at 10.30 am

Lunch to follow in Salida at the Steam Plant Theater following water blessing:

Salida Steam Plant Theater
220 W Sackett Avenue
Salida, CO 81201