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## AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY VENERABLE GEORGE THE CHOZEBITE

**Epistle Reading**  
Ephesians 4:7-13

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 4:12-17

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Troparion** (Resurrection)  
You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

**Troparion** (Afterfeast)  
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, calling 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!

**Kontakion** (Resurrection)  
By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

**Kontakion** (St. George)  
You have appeared as a brilliant light and have illumined with divine rays those who cry to you, O George. Pray for us to Christ the Master, Who appeared in the waters to illumine those born on earth.

**Kontakion** (Afterfeast)  
Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises: "You have come and revealed Yourself, O unapproachable Light."

### Home Blessings during the Theophany Season

We celebrated the Theophany Feastday and Blessing of the Waters on Friday. Holy water is available for those who were unable to attend. Home Blessings may now be scheduled with Fr. John. This is a beautiful Orthodox tradition that renews our home as a holy site.

**Welcome** to all guests via livestream and in person today. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

### Sanctity of Life Sunday - Today

- Orthodox parishes across the US are observing "Sanctity of Life Sunday" today following Friday's March for Life. Special petitions and other prayers appeal to God for His protection of human life from conception to natural death.
- Read Metropolitan Tikhon's [Archpastoral Message for Sanctity of Life Sunday 2024](#).
- The OCA website has [Sanctity of Life Resources](#) on Abortion, Euthanasia, Suicide, Capital Punishment and more.
- See a brief March for Life video <https://www.facebook.com/OrthodoxChristiansForLife/>

### Collection for the MaRiH Center - Today

We welcome financial gifts, diapers and infant care items for the MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center in Alexandria, VA to help girls, women, and families with crisis pregnancies. Donate at the display in the hall or online: [Amazon Wish List](#) or <https://marih.org/donate/>. "MaRiH" is taken from "Mary arose in haste ..." Luke 1:39

### Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 24 at 7PM on Zoom

All are welcome to attend this week's online discussion of the Gospel of John chapter 18. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and his notes.

### Annual St. Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 28

- Our St. Sava Slava is coming next week. Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava prayers with Kelly Pavela as the honored Slava Kuma for the day. A feastday luncheon will be prepared by the Sisterhood. Donations of desserts are requested.
- The Sisterhood welcomes volunteers to help with food preparations, decorating and clean-up on Saturday and Sunday. See Rada Carmichael or JoAnne de la Riva.

### Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministries (OYM) – "3Etrete" – Sat., February 10

OYM is holding a 1-day retreat in the DC area next month at Ss. Constantine & Helen in Silver Spring, MD: [www.theoym.org/washingtondc](http://www.theoym.org/washingtondc). The free retreat includes:

- a youth track for all middle school and high school students;
- a track for all young adults (18 and up), parents, clergy, youth workers, and all other adults interested in ministry to young people;
- a special evening dinner & conversation event for young adults.

### God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Javier and Chris Little as they celebrate their birthdays. Many years to Jeff and Jennifer Castiglione on their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
God bless the families celebrating their St. John the Baptist Patron Saint Day/Slava on January 20. Srećna Slava! Mnogaja Ljeta!