

Order of the Divine Liturgy

Saturday before Epiphany

Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Commemoration of The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas, Righteous Syncletike of Alexandria

January 5, 2013

APOLYTIKIA

River Jordan, at one time, stopped

(following the Doxology)

River Jordan, at one time, stopped and retreated from its banks, struck by Elisha's sheepskin cloak, after Elijah did ascend, and then its waters divided to the left and to the right, and so the watery path became a dry one for him, and thus became a sign showing baptism, through which we pass across unto the other side of the turbulent streams of life. For Christ has been seen within the Jordan, sanctifying its waters.

River Jordan, at one time, stopped

(as the Priest exits with the Gospel)

(above)

River Jordan, at one time, stopped

(as the Priest re-enters the Alter)

(above)

Having seen the image *(Hymn of the Church)*

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.

KONTAKION *(relating to the Season or Feast)*

On this day upon the streams

On this day upon the streams of River Jordan, having come, the Lord of all, cries out directly unto John: Have no unease that you baptize me, For I have come forth to save Adam, first-made man.

EPISTLE

Timothy 3:13-16; 4:1-5

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-6