



# Christ the Savior

WEEKLY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Let this always be the aim of your conduct: to be courteous and respectful to all” – St. Isaac the Syrian

## Last Week We Learned

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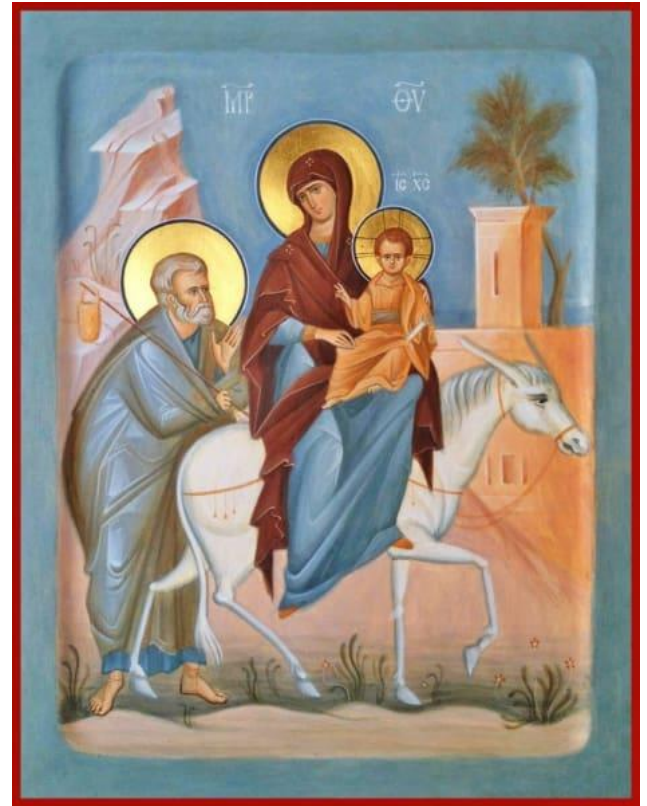
This past week in church school students learned about the significance of the visit from the Magi, the holy family’s flight to Egypt to escape the killing of the innocents, and Jesus teaching in the temple in Jerusalem.

After Christ’s birth, the Magi followed a star to find the newborn King. They brought him gifts fitting of a king: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This is important because they were the first people outside of the holy family to honor Jesus as Lord.

Students then learned about King Herod’s plan to get rid of Jesus.

Herod heard that there was a new King born in Bethlehem, so he ordered his men to kill all of the male children under the age of 2. Because of this an Angel appeared to Joseph and told him to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape from Herod’s horrible plan.

After several years, when Jesus was 12, he traveled to Jerusalem with his family and others to celebrate Passover. After the celebration his family returned to Bethlehem without realizing Jesus had been left behind! When they returned to Jerusalem they found him asking questions and teaching the temple elders.



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Youth Group.....Director: Jennifer Haynes
- Book Club.....Mentor: Melissa Payne
- Teen Support Group.....Mentor: Mike Sauer
- Acolyte Ministry.....Student Leader: Justin Haynes
- Artist Outreach Group.....Student Leader: Fausta Fenner
- Orthodoxy in Today’s Economic and Ecological Crisis.....Student Leader: Umbrielle Crawford





# A Word From Father Steven

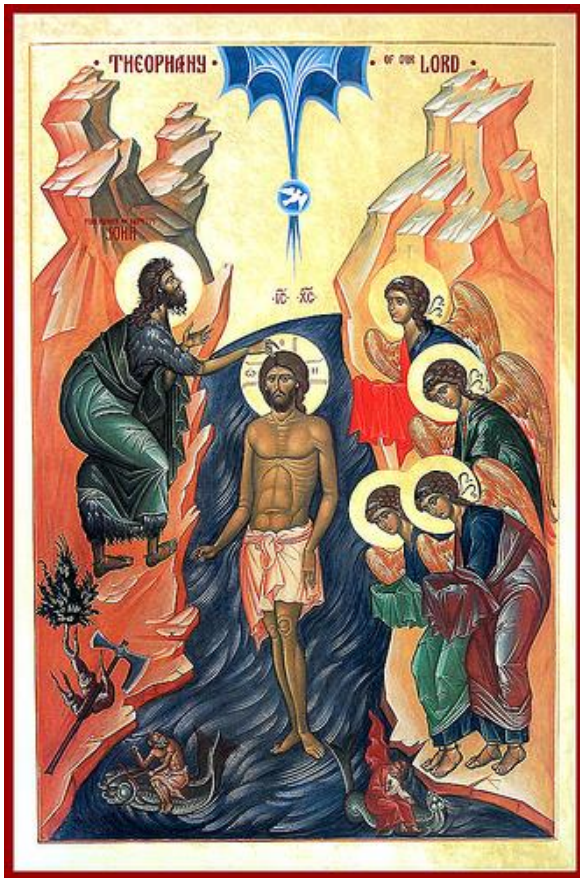
Born as an infant and baptized as an adult man, many years passed between the Lord's Nativity and His Baptism. Yet, both of these wonderful events - celebrated as great feasts in the Church - are given the name *theophany*, meaning a "manifestation of God." God manifested Himself in the birth of the Child who is the divine Son of God incarnate; and God manifested Himself at the Jordan River when Jesus came to be baptized. And these are both called "feasts of Light," for Christ is the "Light of the world." His coming illumines the world with the light of divine knowledge, so that we can find our way back to God out of the darkness of sin. Church School education has the purpose of bringing that same light into our minds and hearts. All in all, a joyous experience!

## MEET THE TEACHER Presv. Deborah



Presv. Deborah has been teaching church school for 31 years! Presbyteria has taught every grade level aside from the high school class and is currently teaching 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Presbyteria started teaching church school because she feels it is a very important ministry and wanted to carry her experience from her home parish to Christ the Savior. Her favorite part of teaching church school is doing ice breakers with students to learn more about them. Presbyteria has always been Orthodox and met Father Steven through their home church in Detroit. Together they have three children: Paul, Sophia, and Anastasia.

## This Week in Church School



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## Theophany & Temptation of Christ