

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

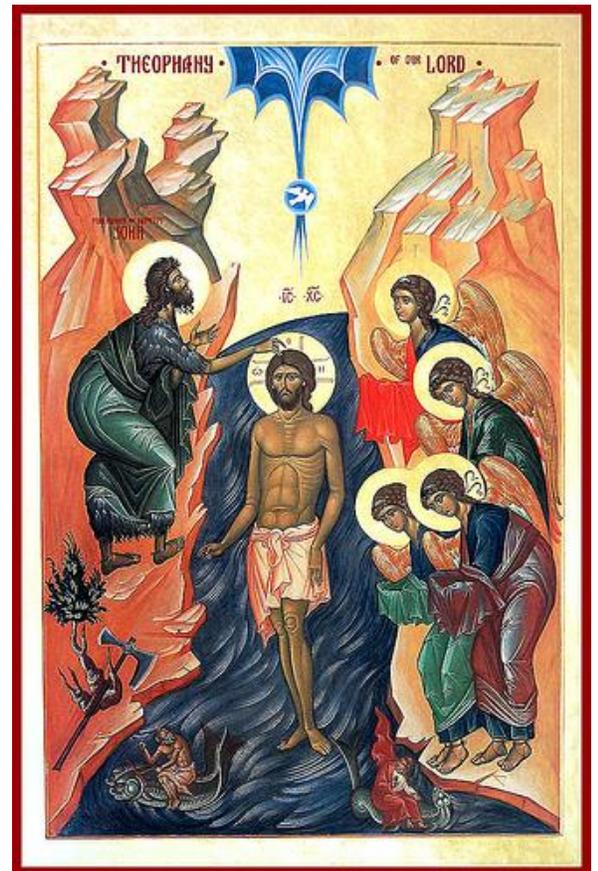
Last Week We Learned

10/31/2021

This past week, students learned about Theophany and the temptation of Christ.

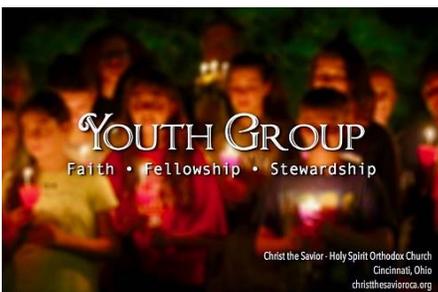
Theophany is the commemoration of Christ’s baptism by John the Forerunner in the River Jordan. The feast is called Theophany because Christ’s baptism is the first time that the Holy Trinity appeared clearly to mankind for the first time. Theophany is celebrated on January 6th with the Great Blessing of Water.

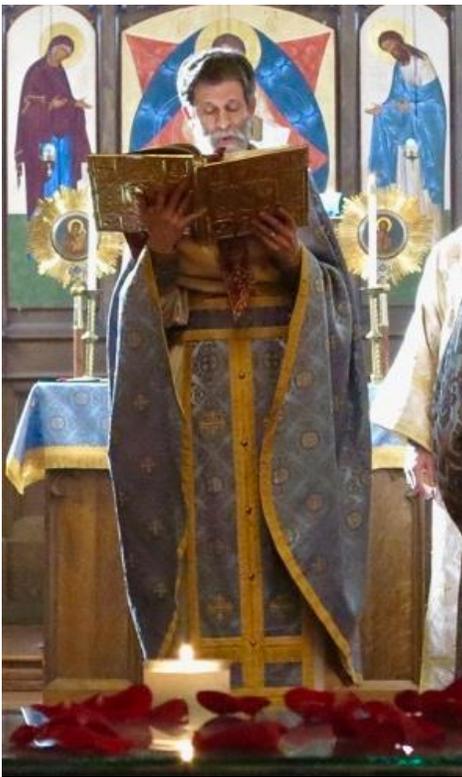
After being baptized, Jesus was tempted by the devil after 40 days and 40 nights of fasting in the desert. Jesus refused every temptation the devil sent his way. Satan then departed and Jesus returned to Galilee to begin teaching.



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

Before Jesus began His ministry and teaching and healing, he retreated to the desert where, we are told by the evangelists, He was "tempted." That word can also be translated as "tested." The devil will tempt/test Jesus, but in the process Jesus will emerge even stronger and more fully prepared for His messianic ministry. The devil attempted to deflect Jesus away from His providential role as the "Suffering Servant of God." The devil wrongly believed that he could tempt Jesus with either worldly power or a type of miracle-working that would force others to believe in Him. But Jesus "passed the test" by rebuking the evil one, by fully and completely placing His trust in His heavenly Father. We also can overcome temptation if we keep our spiritual eyes on Christ, trust God in all things, and say a loud NO to the devil and temptation.

MEET THE TEACHER Braden Sauer



Braden has been teaching church school for 5 years! Braden helps teach the High School class with Andrew and Steve. Braden was born Catholic and converted to Orthodoxy when he was in grade school. His favorite thing about teaching church school is fielding questions from the high schoolers, whether they pertain to the lesson or to life in general, and helping them grow into faithful adults.

This Week in Church School

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The Wedding at Cana