

**Menaion - January 7**

Synaxis in Honor of the Glorious Prophet,  
Forerunner and Baptist John

**LITURGY**

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**Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 113.**

**Verse 1:** *In the exodus of Israel from Egypt, the house of Jacob.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Verse 2:** *Judah became His sanctuary.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Verse 3:** *The sea saw them and fled, the Jordan turned back.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Verse 4:** *What is it to you, O Sea, that you fled, and to you, O Jordan, that you turned back?*  
[SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Glory. Both now.

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 114.**

**Verse 1:** *I have loved, because the Lord shall hear the voice of my supplication.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were baptized  
in the Jordan by John. we sing to You,  
Alleluia. [GOA]

**Verse 2:** *For He inclined His ear to me, and in my days I shall call upon Him.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were baptized  
in the Jordan by John. we sing to You,  
Alleluia. [GOA]

**Verse 3:** *The pains of death surrounded me; the dangers of Hades found me.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were baptized  
in the Jordan by John. we sing to You,  
Alleluia. [GOA]

**Verse 4:** *The Lord is merciful and righteous, and our God has mercy.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were baptized  
in the Jordan by John. we sing to You,  
Alleluia. [GOA]

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.* [HC]

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.*  
*Amen.* [HC]

Only begotten Son and Logos of God,  
being immortal, You condescended for  
our salvation to take flesh from the holy  
Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without  
change, became man. Christ, our God, You  
were crucified and conquered death by death.  
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us. [GOA]

**Antiphon III. Mode 1. Psalm 117.**

**Verse 1:** *Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.* [SAAS]

**Verse 2:** *Let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.* [SAAS]

**Verse 3:** *Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.* [SAAS]

**Verse 4:** *Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever.* [SAAS]

**Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 1.**

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You. [SD]

**Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.**

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who were baptized in the Jordan by John. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Hymns After the Small Entrance.**

**Apolytikion of the Feast.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 1.**

As You were baptized in the Jordan, O Lord, then the worship of the Trinity became manifest, for the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the Beloved Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ God, who appeared and illumined the world, glory to You. [SD]

**For the Forerunner.**

From Menaion - - -

**Mode 2.**

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy. [SD]

From Menaion - - -

**Kontakion.**

**Mode 4. Automelon.**

You appeared today to us \* on earth, O Master, \* and Your light was signed on us \* who cry aloud to You and say \* with understanding, O Christ our God: You came and shone forth, O Light unapproachable. [SD]

**INSTEAD OF HOLY GOD**

You who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia. (3) [GOA]

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**The Epistle**

For the Forerunner.

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63.**

The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord. [SAAS]

**Verse:** *Hear my voice, O God.* [SAAS]

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

(19:1-8)

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God. [RSV]

**Alleluia. Mode 4. Psalm 91.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 1:** *The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 2:** *Those planted in the house of the Lord.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**The Gospel**

For the Forerunner.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

(1:29-34)

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of

God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." [RSV]

**Hymn to the Theotokos.**

**Ode ix. Heirmos.**

**Mode 2.**

*O my soul, magnify the ever-virgin Maid who from the curse has redeemed us.* [SD]

O all spotless Bride, surpassing comprehension \* are the wonders of your childbirth, blessed Mother! \* Through you obtaining comprehensive salvation, \* we bring you a gift in striking up this worthy \* hymn of gratitude to you our Benefactress. [SD]

**Communion Hymn. Psalm 111/112.**

The righteous will be remembered for ever. Alleluia. [RSV]

**Hymn after Holy Communion.**

**Instead of "We have seen."**

**Mode 1.**

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Son; and the Spirit, in the form of a dove,  
confirmed the certainty of the word. O Christ  
God, who appeared and illumined the world,  
glory to You. <sup>[SD]</sup>

### THE DISMISSAL

May He who condescended to be baptized  
by John in the Jordan, for our salvation, Christ  
our true God, through the intercessions of His  
all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the  
power of the precious and life-giving Cross,  
the protection of the honorable, bodiless  
powers of heaven, the supplications of the  
honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner  
John the Baptist, in whose honor we have  
congregated today; of the holy, glorious, and  
praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious,  
and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous  
and God-bearing fathers, *(local patron saint)*;  
of the holy and righteous ancestors of God  
Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have  
mercy on us and save us, for He is good and  
loves mankind.

### Fasting Rule

*Fast Free: All foods allowed.*