



The Olive Shoots  
St. Symeon Orthodox Church  
January 6, 2013  
+The Theophany of Christ +



“One man’s heart is ready for hope”~ Unknown

*Christ Is Baptized!  
In the River Jordan!*

Upcoming Services

Possible Liturgy for Old Calender Nativity on January 7, 2013:

(Check [www.stsymeon.com](http://www.stsymeon.com))

Saturday January 12, 2013: Great Vespers

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### **Troparion Tone 1**

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,  
The worship of the Trinity was made manifest!  
For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee,  
And called Thee his beloved son!  
And the Spirit, in the form of a dove,  
Confirmed the truthfulness of His word.  
O Christ our God, who hast revealed Thyself  
And hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion Tone 4**

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe,  
And Thy light, O Lord hast shone on us,  
Who with understanding praise Thee:  
Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,  
O Light Unapproachable!

Today's Bible verse is:

*"Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'"*

~Matthew 3: 13-14

## Theophany of Christ

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘Thou art my beloved son; with thee I am well pleased.’”

~Mark 1: 9-11

Christ’s cousin, John, was a man who had been wandering through the desert to pray and fast, wearing camel’s hair and eating locusts and wild honey. He began to baptize people in the River Jordan, prophesying the coming of the Messiah. One day Christ himself came to be baptized by John. When John saw him, the Baptist insisted that Christ baptize him instead of John baptize Christ. But Jesus was certain that John baptize him. As Jesus came up from the water, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a dove and the voice of the father saying “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” This began the preaching of Jesus and revealed the Holy Trinity to all those who witnessed it.

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