

Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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30th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST – Tone 5. Sunday before Theophany. Holy Prophet Malachi (400 BC.).
Martyr Gordius at Caesarea (4th c.). Ven. Genevieve of Paris (5th c.).

Liturgy of St. John

2 Tim. 4:5-8 Mark 1:1-8

Liturgical Schedule:

SUNDAYS: Divine Liturgy of St. John 9:30 am

Tuesday – Jan. 5.....3:00 pm - Vespers with Great Blessing of Water

Wednesday -- Jan. 6..... 9:00 am -- Theophany – **Divine Liturgy**

Saturday – Jan. 16.....4:00 pm – Great Vespers

Forefeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ



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The second day of the Forefeast of Theophany falls on January 3. Today's hymns invite us to go in spirit to the Jordan River where the Creator comes to be baptized. He is the Light which shines in the darkness (John 1:5), and today He begins to overcome that darkness.

Holy Prophet Malachi

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The Holy Prophet Malachi lived 400 years before the Birth of Christ, at the time of the return of the Jews from the Babylonian Captivity. Malachi was the last of the Old Testament prophets, therefore the holy Fathers call him “the seal of the prophets.”

Manifesting himself an image of spiritual goodness and piety, he astounded the nation and was called Malachi, i.e., an angel. His prophetic book is included in the Canon of the Old Testament. In it he upbraids the Jews, foretelling the coming of Jesus Christ and His Forerunner, and also the Last Judgment (Mal 3:1-5; 4:1-6).