**JANUARY 5: Eve of the Theophany/Saturday before the Theophany**

***(at the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, served on Saturday)***

**Tone 4 Troparion of the Forefeast**

The river Jordan was turned back by the mantle of Elisha,

after Elijah had been taken up to heaven.

The waters were parted in two,

and the stream became a dry path.

This was truly a type of baptism,

by which we pass over the stream of life.//

Christ has shone forth in the Jordan to sanctify the waters.

**Tone 4 Kontakion of the Forefeast**

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John:

“Do not be afraid to baptize me,//

for I come to save Adam, the first-formed man!”

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O ye righteous! *(Ps 31/32:11)*

*v: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. (Ps 31/32:1)*

**Epistle**

1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 *(Saturday before the Theophany)*

1 Thessalonians 5:14-23

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v: The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and delivered them out of all their troubles. (Ps 33/34:18)*

*v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all. (Ps 33/34:20)*

**Gospel**

Matthew 3:1-11 *(Saturday before the Theophany)*

Luke 18:2-8

**Communion Hymn**

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps 32/33:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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