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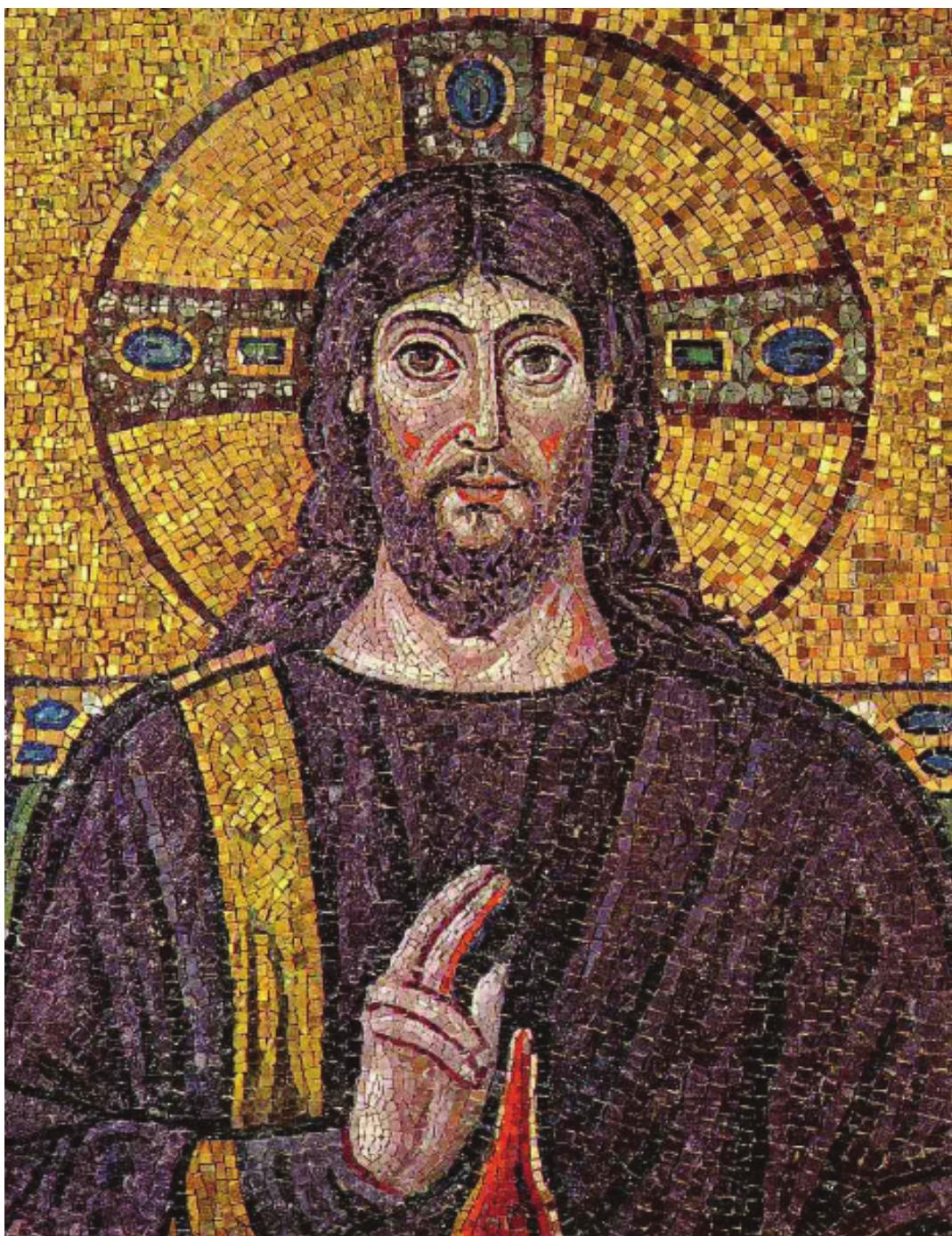
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### Divine Liturgy

#### Hymns

##### **Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 6):**

The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.

**Troparion of the Theophany:** At your Baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was revealed: for the Father's voice bore witness to you by calling You his Beloved Son, and the spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. O Christ God who have appeared to us, and enlightened the world, glory to You.

**Troparion of the Theodosius:** Your abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom, and your deep sighings made your labors fruitful a hundredfold. You became a star shining over the world with miracles. Holy Father Theodosius, Pray to Christ God that he may same our souls.

**Prokimenon:** May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us, for we have hoped in you.

**Stichon:** Exult, you just, in the Lord, praise from the upright is fitting.

**Apostolic Reading:** Ephesians 4:7-13

**Gospel:** Jesus Begins his Ministry, Mt 4:12-17

### Calendars

The 2026 epachial calendars are here! Pick one up at the back of the church or download it from the eparchy's website: [melkite.org/liturgical-resources](http://melkite.org/liturgical-resources)

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## Winter Weather

Please take care with winter weather. Even if services are not canceled, only come if it is safe for you to travel.

## Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$39.00; stole offerings=\$100.00; donations=\$420.12; ordinary collections=\$719.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated January 12, 2025): \$25,828.49.

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### *Annual Donation Letters*

Donation letters for tax purposes will be sent by the end of the month. Please contact Benjamin with any questions.

### *Pastoral Appeal (Formerly the Bishop's Appeal)*

The annual Pastoral Appeal helps fund the vital works of the Melkites in the United States, such as: publishing SOPHIA magazine; supporting our seminarians for the Priesthood and Diaconate; providing for our elderly priests; teaching the Faith to our children and young adults; establishing/supporting new missions and outreaches.

Additional information is available on the tables in the back. Donations can also be made online: [Melkite.org/Appeal](http://Melkite.org/Appeal)

## Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Edin Najera, Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Nick Lagendfield, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Geri Spankowski, Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For the people of the Middle East.

## Schedule for this Week

**Friday:** *Veneration of the Chains of the Apostle Peter*

**Saturday:** *Father Anthony*

**Sunday** *Fifteenth Sunday after the Holy Cross*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday** to Janelle Herro (1/17), Rosette Khoury (1/17), and Dunya Khoury (1/18). May God grant you many years!

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## Coming Up

February 8<sup>th</sup>: Meat-fare

February 15<sup>th</sup>: Cheese-fare

### The True Light of Revelation to the Gentile

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illumines everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment

of the Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it,' that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

*St. Chromatius*

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