

Sunday, 6th January 2019
The Holy Theophany of our Lord and God and Saviour
Jesus Christ

Vespers (celebrated on Saturday evening, 5th January 2019):

Priest: Blessed is our God...

Choir: Amen. Come, let us worship God our King.
Come, let us worship Christ, our King and our God.
Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.
Come, let us worship and fall down before Him.

Psalm 103

Great Litany

First Kathisma (Blessed is the man...)

Little Litany

Lord, I call upon thee on 8, tone 2: **All feast**

Gladsome Light: Entrance with Gospel and **prokeimenon** of the day, Tone 6: The Lord hath become king...)

Then: The Royal Doors are closed, and Thirteen Readings

After the third reading, the Royal Doors are opened, and the Choir: "O Thou who hast created the world, Thou hast appeared in the world..." with its verses; and the Royal Doors are closed.

After the sixth reading, the Royal Doors are opened and the Choir: "To sinners and publicans hast Thou revealed Thyself, in the magnitude of Thy mercy..." with its verses; and the Royal Doors are closed.

After the thirteenth reading, the Royal Doors are opened.

Prokeimenon Tone 3:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

∨s.: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Alleluia: My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king.
Comely art thou in beauty more than the sons of men; grace hath been poured forth on thy lips.

Luke 3:1-18

Augmented Litany; "Vouchsafe..."; Evening Litany and peace.

The clergy go to the middle of the temple to the font, and we sing the Great Blessing of Water (Festal Menaion page 348)

Sticharion Tone 6 "Ye faithful, let us praise the greatness..." page 359

Blessed be the name of the Lord... *thrice*; Psalm 33 "I will bless the Lord at all times..."

Great dismissal: May He who in Jordan did deign to be baptised of John for our salvation, Christ our true God...

And in the middle of the temple, we sing the **Apolytikion**, Glory... both now..., **Kontakion**