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## **CHRIST IS BAPTIZED! IN THE JORDAN!**

**ON THE MEND:** Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Archbishop Jovan, Metropolitan Savas, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William Sonia Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynech, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Esther Holupka, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciw, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie & Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's

parents], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Stroz [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskens, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczyk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaughaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Joe Samchuck—vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat & Jan Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy & Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky,

*Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch's cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Father Joe Uzar—newly ordained, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Jeff & Mary Jane Double [COVID-19], Terri Crosby-Vega [COVID-19], Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike, Amy, Nathan, & Ben Forbeck [COVID-19], David Salazar, Ann Zurasky [knee replacement], James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Carolyn Strittmatter, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], Elizabeth [5-year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Pani Cathy Danczak, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin, car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Linda Snow, Zack Blair [Pani Gina's nephew], Greg & Mary Lou Sheakley [Pani Gina's cousins—COVID], the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, Don Menagon [COVID-19], Father Deacon James Rossetti & Diakonissa Kari—ordination!, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley [skin cancer] Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Robert Chicka [cancer], Myra Woodruff [cancer], Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob's cousin [cancer], Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser [cancer], Bob Mazzuca [cancer], Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed, Sue Demko, Tammy & Donnie [cancer] Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. **ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.***

**PLEASE REVIEW THE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST ABOVE AND LET FATHER BOB KNOW ANY NAMES THAT CAN BE REMOVED...**

**One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD—AND  
OUR LIVES!**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is NOTHING to keep us  
from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most  
of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters,  
police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be  
well and be **SAFE!!!** God Bless!**

**Please remember ALL American service men and women in your  
prayers. May God watch over them and ALL American service men  
and women—and bring them all home safely!**

**REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!**

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases  
where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons:  
medication, diabetes, etc. ***If you have a question, please ask Father  
Bob.***

**AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if  
you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 956-6626.**

**SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE**

**SUNDAY, January 22                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**  
**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY; AFTER FEAST  
OF THEOPHANY; MARTYR POLYEUCTUS; PROPHET SHEMAIAH; SAINT  
PETER-BISHOP OF SEBASTE IN ARMENIA; VENERABLE EUSTATIUS THE  
WONDERWORKER OF TARSUS; VENERABLE JONAH OF PERCHEVSKY  
LAVRA**

**\*\*\*\*\*BLESSING OF WATER DOWNSTAIRS AFTER SERVICE\*\*\*\*\***

*Tone 7*

Ephesians 4:7-13; Galatians 5:22-6:2  
Matthew 4:12-17; Matthew 11:27-30

**SUNDAY, January 29                      OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS                      10:30 AM**  
**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; VENERATION OF THE CHAINS OF APOSTLE  
PETER; MARTYRS SPEUSIPPUS, ELEUSIPPUS, & MELEUSIPPUS,  
GRANDMOTHER LEONILLA, WITH NEON, TURBO, & JOVILLA; MARTYR  
DANAX THE READER**

*Tone 8*

1 Timothy 4:9-15; Acts 12:1-11

Luke 19:1-10, John 21:15-25

**SUNDAY, February 06**                      **OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS**                      **10:30 AM**  
**34<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & THE PHARISEE;**  
**HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT-BISHOP OF ANCYRA & MARTYR AGATHANGELUS;**  
**VENERABLE MAUSIMAS THE SYRIAN; VENERABLE SALAMANES THE**  
**SILENT; SAINT PAULINUS THE MERCIFUL-BISHOP OF NOLA;**  
**COMMEMORATION OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

*Tone 1*

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Luke 18:10-14

*Litany in Blessed Memory of Milton G. Chicka, Daniel Pysh, Sara Chicka, Nikolai Pivtoraiko, Evelyn Burlack, Anne Cherepko Mazock, Roy Wyke, & Katherine Debick—Fr. Bob*

## **BULLETIN INSERT FOR 22 JANUARY 2023**

**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY;**  
**AFTERFEAST OF THEOPHANY; MARTYR POLYEUCTUS; PROPHET**  
**SHEMAIAH; SAINT PETER-BISHOP OF SEBASTE IN ARMENIA;**  
**VENERABLE EUSTRATIUS THE WONDERWORKER OF TARSUS;**  
**VENERABLE JONAH OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA**

**\*\*\*\*\*BLESSING OF WATER DOWNSTAIRS AFTER SERVICE\*\*\*\*\***

### **TROPARION—TONE 7**

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death!  
To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise!  
For the Myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy.  
And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,  
To proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **KONTAKION—TONE 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
For Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers!  
Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry:  
The Savior has come to those in faith!  
Enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!

### **PROKEIMENON—TONE 7**

READER: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless  
His people with peace!

PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

READER: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

PEOPLE: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

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### **ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 7**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

#### **The Sunday before Theophany Mark 1:1-8**

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." (KJV)*

Repentance is essential in the Christian believer's life. Repentance is necessary throughout life from the time personal sin is realized and personally acknowledged.

God's Holy Church encourages and provides for the confession of sins when the believer chooses to repent. St. Mark's Gospel serves as a record of St. John the Baptist being a preacher of repentance.

Holy St. John was humble in his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. St. John pointed to Jesus Christ as baptizing with the Holy Spirit. St. Mark's Gospel is rich in content regarding St. John's relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Believers interested in moving away from sin and becoming more faithful to Jesus Christ will heed the importance of repentance. Love for Jesus Christ and the desire for inner peace motivates believers to repent.

Hunger in the soul is satisfied when Jesus Christ fills the heart, mind, and soul. Peace fills the heart, mind, and soul when repentance occurs. St. John the Baptist serves to inspire believers seeking to repent.

Jesus Christ's Baptism in the Jordan by St. John comes to mind today as the Feast of Theophany draws near. The honor bestowed upon St. John to participate in Jesus' Baptism is a singular honor of lasting significance.

The Church honors St. John down through the centuries. Believers seek St. John's intercession before the Lord at all times. Miracles are constantly attributed to St. John by fervent believers.

Churches around the world bear the name of St. John the Baptist. Individuals are regularly named after St. John the Baptist. Families and individuals celebrate St. John as their patronal saint.

Repentance is worthy of consideration throughout the Christian life. Every person is a sinner. Every person says or does something that is offensive and contrary to the way of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Repentance is the way to put sin behind and to begin anew in Christ. Being able to repent and begin anew in Christ are reasons to be grateful. Appreciative believers take time to thank Jesus for His mercy, forgiveness, and love.

Newness in Christ begins at baptism. Joy in Jesus Christ permeates the whole being. Baptism changes the person's identity forever.

The journey to God's Kingdom continues when the believer repents and is renewed in Christ. God's Holy Church fosters and encourages repentance.

The Church nourishes and guides the believer in the journey to the Kingdom.

A foretaste of God's Kingdom is experienced in the Holy Mysteries of the Church. Eternal life in the Kingdom awaits each faithful believer. Repentance keeps the believer on the road to the Kingdom.

Thank God for the faithfulness of St. John the Baptist. Thank God for the humility demonstrated by St. John. St. John's understanding of his relationship with Jesus Christ merits deep consideration.

Humility is exemplified in St. John. Humility is Personified in Jesus Christ taking on human flesh. Humility in the Christian life is always desirable and appropriate as the way of life.

The Nativity of Jesus Christ is fresh in believers' minds. The Baptism of Jesus Christ will be celebrated soon. This is a joyous time in God's Holy Church.

Joy in Christ exceeds understanding.

Repentance refreshes joy in the believer's life. Repentance lifts the weight of sin through Jesus Christ's forgiveness. The mind is cleared and the weight of sin is removed when repentance takes place.

St. John the Baptist brings Jesus Christ to the believer's mind. St. John the Baptist has a permanent place on the iconostasis of each church. The Church honors and always remembers St. John.

On this Sunday before Theophany keeping St. John at the forefront of our thoughts is entirely appropriate. St. John remains inseparable from thinking about the Lord Jesus Christ.

God's Holy Church prescribes the current Gospel to be proclaimed every year. Attentive believers learn more about St. John and his relationships with Jesus Christ with each passing year.

While the mind functions well, learning about St. John and his relationship with Jesus is always beneficial. Thank God for the Church preserving and honoring the memory of St. John. Thank God for the opportunity to repent.

*The Sunday before Theophany. January 2/January 15, 2023. Venerable Seraphim of Sarov; St. Sylvester, Bishop of Rome. Forefeast of Theophany. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic*

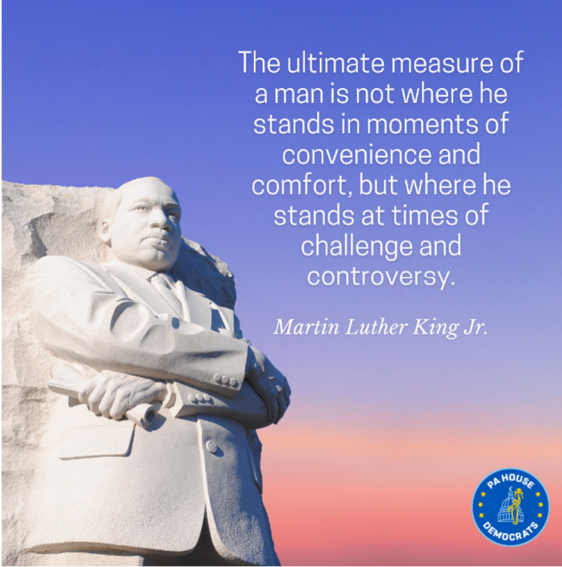


**One day you will realize that material things mean nothing. All that matters is the well being of the people in your life. Amen.**

There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. Surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of life. Getting back up is living.

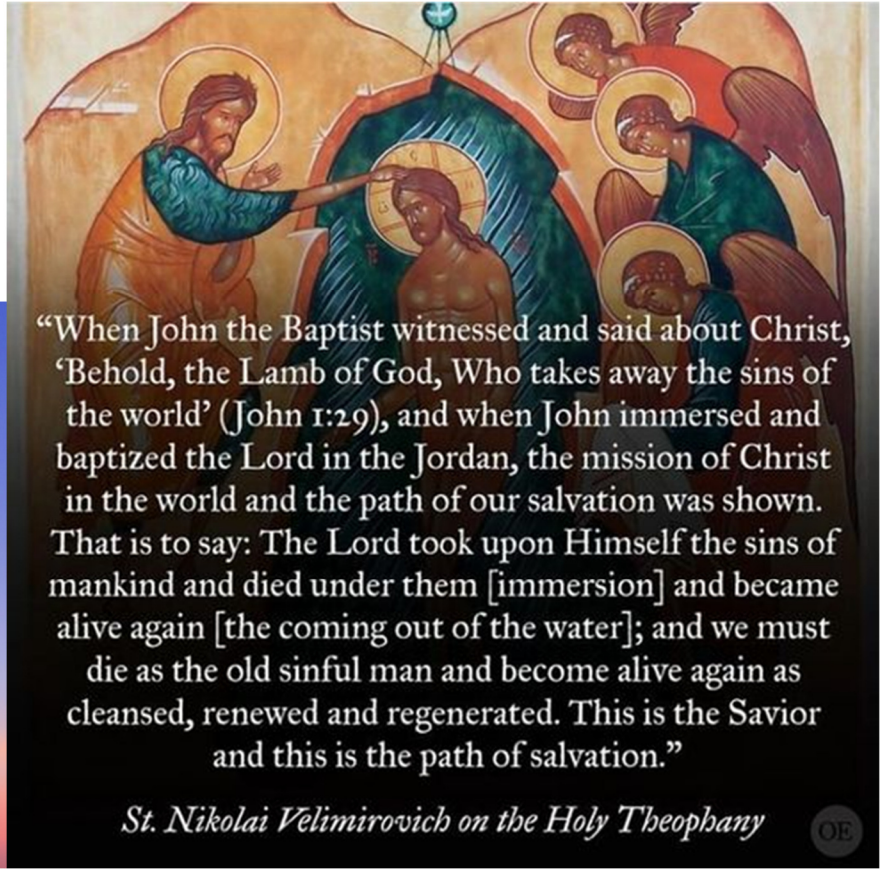






The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

*Martin Luther King Jr.*



“When John the Baptist witnessed and said about Christ, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world’ (John 1:29), and when John immersed and baptized the Lord in the Jordan, the mission of Christ in the world and the path of our salvation was shown. That is to say: The Lord took upon Himself the sins of mankind and died under them [immersion] and became alive again [the coming out of the water]; and we must die as the old sinful man and become alive again as cleansed, renewed and regenerated. This is the Savior and this is the path of salvation.”

*St. Nikolai Velimirovich on the Holy Theophany*

