

Holy Theophany—Our Lord is baptized!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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The best bath ever



You've probably taken lots of baths in your life. But do you remember the best, most important one you ever took? Probably not, if you were baptized as a baby.

This week, we celebrate Theophany, one of the greatest feasts of our Church! That's the day our Lord, Jesus Christ, was baptized in the Jordan River. The Bible tells us that Jesus was baptized, and then He started his ministry. He started telling people about God. He started doing miracles— like helping blind people to see, healing sick people, feeding hungry people, and even raising dead people so they could live again! Christ's baptism was at the beginning of all of this.

Did you know that when YOU were baptized, you started YOUR service to the Church too? You haven't been preaching and doing miracles, but even as a kid, you are a part of Church, and you have work to do! When you pray, ask God to show you how you can help Him and His Church.

In the epistle today, we hear about how Saint Paul did the work God wanted *him* to do. He writes, "So there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord...will award all who have loved His appearing." Saint Paul tells us that when we do the Lord's work, God will reward us too! What could be better?!

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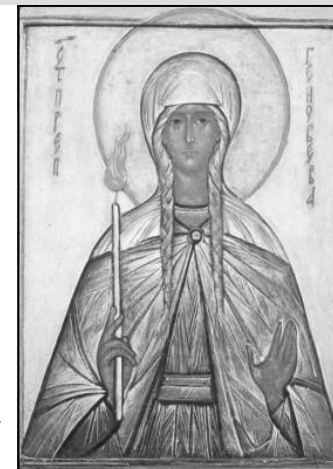
Can you find these words in the jumble?

- BAPTISM
- BATH
- CHRISTIAN
- CROWN
- FEAST
- GENEVIEVE
- LOVE
- PARIS
- PRAYER
- RIGHTEOUSNESS
- THEOPHANY
- WORK

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SAINT GENEVIEVE OF PARIS “GREAT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD”

Have you ever heard a grown-up make a prediction about a kid? Maybe a little kid who loves to play with blocks or Legos, might hear somebody say, “He’s going to be an engineer!” Usually those predictions don’t mean anything, do they? Kids change!



But when Saint Genevieve was 8 years old, a bishop kissed her on the head and said, “She will be great in the sight of God.” He said many people would become Christian because of her.

That was a prediction that really did come true! St. Genevieve lived during the 400s, when France was really changing from being pagan (idol worshipping) to becoming Christian. And St. Genevieve was a big part of that change!

Saint Genevieve lived a life very close to God. She became a nun, and she led some other nuns to pray for the city of Paris, France (where they lived). God listened to their prayers again and again, and He saved Paris from awful invaders when they prayed. The people of France asked Genevieve to help them, because they knew she had a gift from God. She could work miracles because of her closeness to God.

Saint Genevieve lived 1,500 years ago, but she is still alive in Christ! That means she will still listen to our prayers today. Would you like to ask her for anything?

We celebrate St. Genevieve today, January 3rd (OC: Jan 16th).

What's in an icon?

In all of these icons, do you see what Saint Genevieve holds in her hand?

It’s a candle! That’s because sometimes, when Saint Genevieve prayed, a candle would light in her hand without a match or anything!

