

THE MYSTERY OF BAPTISM & CHRISMATION



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1

The Baptism of Jesus

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

Mt 3:13-17

THE Apostle Matthew writes:

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

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2

The Preaching of John the Baptist / The Baptism of Jesus

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls. Mk 1:1-11

THE Evangelist Mark writes:
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.’ ”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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3

Nicodemus

✠ From the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, who proclaimed life to the world. Let us listen to the proclamation of life and salvation for our souls.

Jn 3:1-6

THE Apostle John writes:

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him." Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?" Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit."

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