Jan. 2 Forefeast of the Theophany; St. Serpahim of Sarov

## **TROPARION** (Forefeast) - in Tone 4:

Make ready, O Zebulon! /
Prepare, O Nephtali! /
Thou, River Jordan, cease thy flow! /
Receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! /
Thou, Adam, rejoice with the first mother! /
Hide not yourselves as you once did in Paradise! /
For, having seen you naked /
He appeared to clothe you anew with the first robe! ///
Yea, Christ hath appeared, desiring to renew the whole creation!

## TROPARION (Saint) - Tone 4

From thy youth thou hast loved Christ, O <u>ble</u>ssed one, / And aflame with the desire to labor for <u>Him</u> alone / Thou hast contended in unceasing prayer and labor in the

<u>wi</u>lderness / And gaining by compunction of heart the <u>love</u> of Christ / Thou hast appeared as the chosen of the <u>Mo</u>ther of God. Therefore, we cry <u>out</u> to thee: /// Save us by thy prayers, O our venerable father <u>Se</u>raphim.

## KONTAKION (Saint) - Tone 2

Forsaking the corruption of the world and its fleeting beauty, /
Thou didst go to dwell in the wilderness of Sarov, O ven'rable one; /
And having lived there as an angel /
Thou hast become the way to salvation for great multitudes of the
 faithful. /
Therefore, hast Christ glorified thee /
And enriched thee with abundant healings and wonders. /

<u>So</u>, we <u>call</u> upon thee: /// Rejoice, O <u>ve</u>n'rable father <u>Se</u>raphim!

KONTAKION (Forefeast) - Tone 4

When the Lord de<u>sce</u>nded today / Into the waters of the <u>Jo</u>rdan, / He cried a<u>loud</u> to John, / "Be not afraid to <u>ba</u>ptize Me, /// For I am come to save Adam, the <u>first-formed</u> man."