



# The Epiphany Icon

In Coptic Art, the icon of the Epiphany has five distinct features, and they are:

1. **Our Lord Jesus Christ, immersed in water,** *“Then Jesus, when He had been baptised, came up immediately from the water...”* (Matthew 3:16).

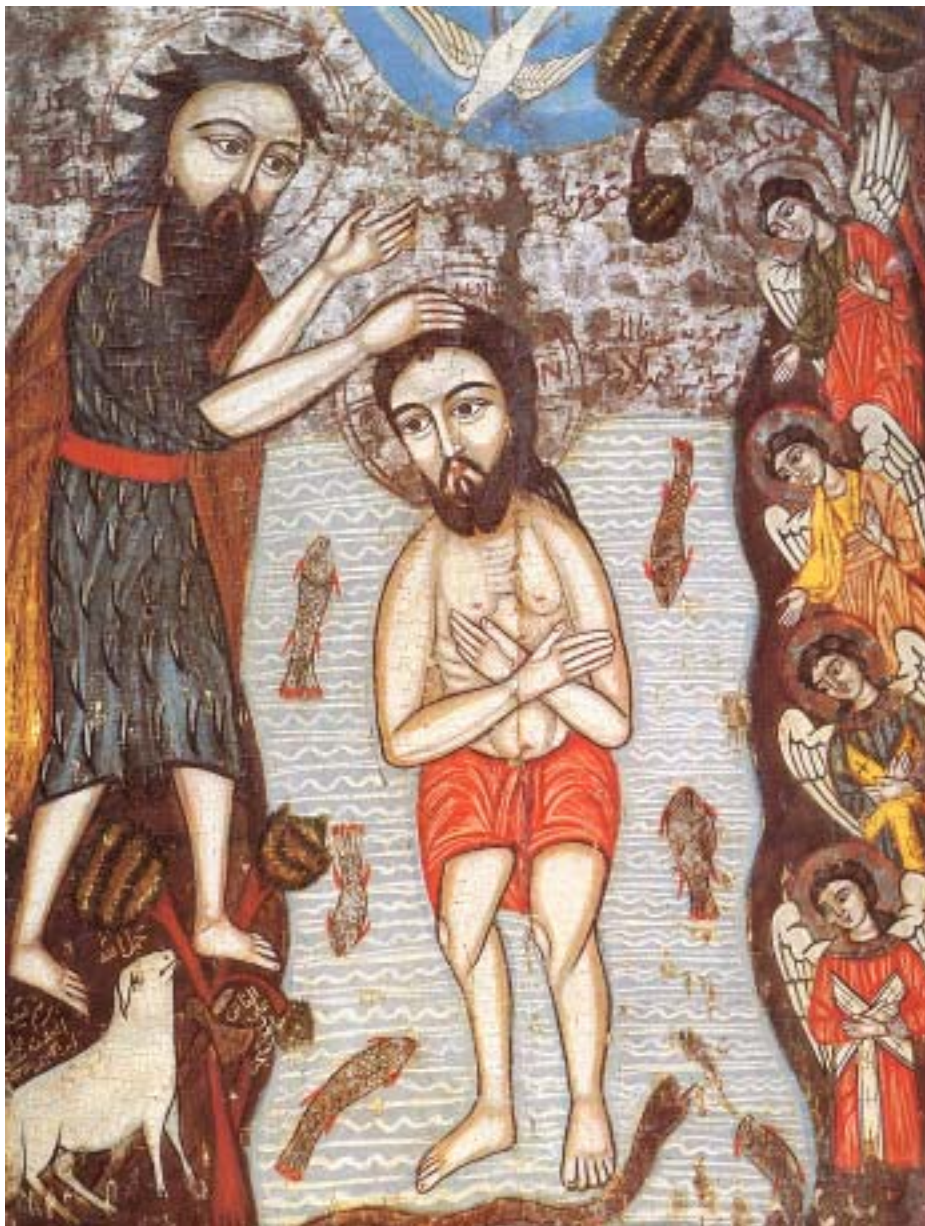
2. **The Holy Spirit hovering over our Lord, in the form of a dove,** *“And He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him”* (Matthew 3:16).

3. **St. John the Baptist,** *“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him”* (Matthew 3:13).

4. **Angels bearing red and white robes.** The red symbolizes the Blood of our Lord, which was shed for our salvation (Romans 3:24, 25), while the white symbolizes the purity which we attain through baptism (Acts 22:16 & Romans 6:3 & 4).

5. **A serpent, as a symbol of sin, being crushed under the feet of our Lord,** showing that He fulfilled the words of God to the serpent, *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, . . . and her Seed . . . shall bruise your head”* (Genesis 3:15).





*What feature is missing in this Epiphany icon?*