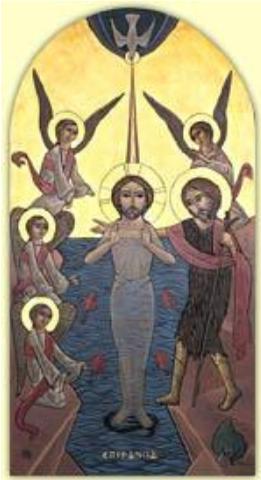


THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

The 6th January marks the beginning of the Epiphany Season. Epiphany, which means *manifestation* is not just about the coming of the three wise men to worship Jesus, but also two other important events: the turning of water into wine at the wedding in Cana and Christ's baptism by John the Baptist.



The baptism has been depicted in art throughout the centuries, in very

different styles. Here we give four examples: an icon from the Coptic Tradition; a version from 15th Century Italy begun by Andrea del Verrocchio and probably finished by his pupil, Leonardo da Vinci; a painting from the early 16th century by the Flanders artist, Gerhard David; and finally a painting by the contemporary Nottinghamshire artist, Melvyn James.

