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**Sunday, February 25, 2018**  
**First Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)**

*Tarasios the confessor, archbishop of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Reginos, bishop of Skopelos; Hieromartyr Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria; Martyr Alexander of Markianopolis*

**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

*The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.*

**Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

*Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can cause all his praises to be heard? Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy. (Refrain)*

*Glory... Both now... (Refrain)*

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

*Let them praise the Lord for His mercies, and for His wonderful works to the children of men.*

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

*Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders. (Refrain)*

*The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to loose the sons of the slain. (Refrain)*

*Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...*

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

*Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.*

- During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the First Sunday of Great Lent. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." as on ordinary Sundays. After the Little Entrance, chant the apolytikia in the following order:

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE** – *Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.*

**APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO** – *Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.*

- Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

**KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT** – *To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.*

#### **THE EPISTLE**

**Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.**

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)**

*Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.*

#### **THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)**

*At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."*

- The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual with the following variables.

#### **ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION**

*In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Monday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM** – Compline

**Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM** – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5:00 PM** – Akathist

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30 AM** – Soul Saturday Liturgy for the Departed

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00 PM** – Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM** – Matins and Divine Liturgy

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM** – Compline

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM** – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM** – Akathist

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM** – Soul Saturday Liturgy for the Departed

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM** – Great Vespers

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM** – Matins and Divine Liturgy

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**PRAYER LIST** - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at [Kristina.nicole@me.com](mailto:Kristina.nicole@me.com) or via text or call at 724.493.7213 to add living or departed names to the prayer list.

**LIVING**– Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest Elias, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Archpriest Patrick, Kh. Vanessa, Archpriest Joseph, Gregory, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Justin, Christopher, Hiromonk Michael, The Sisterhood of St. Nina Monastery, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Seminarian Joseph, Rebecca, The Seminarian Paul, Joyce, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, The Painter Family, The Boozer Family, The Wells Family, The Horne Family, The Focus Family, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Ashley, Carmen, Timothy, Marcella, Cassie, George, Eva, The Elderkin Family, John, Emery, Jace and Family, Ericka, Ryder, Chris, Maria, Melanie, Tara, Louise, Peter, Julita, Marika, Mary, John, Akxanna, Nicholas, David, Norma, Nathan, Brooklin, Dylan, Amera, Adam, Moses, Tiffany, Victoria, Tyra, Robert, James-Brian, Steven, Daniel, Daniel, Subdeacon Nathaniel, Thom, Isiah, Jaquaghn, Jay, Ryan, Sincere, Bleu, Angelo, April, Paul, Dawaan, Jayden, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexandra & Mary

**DEPARTED** – Bishop Antoun, Archpriest John, Kh. Stephanie, Kh. Joanne, Sylvia Jean, Bern, Gregory, Efthimios, Helen, Daniel, Rodger, Danny, Delores, Danny

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**\*\*CONFESSIONS and HOUSE BLESSINGS By Appointment** - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy via calling at 412.254.6281 to schedule confession or a meeting.

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**\*\*Birthdays – Alexandra (Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>) and Mary (Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>)**

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## **\*\*DONATIONS**

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**\*\*Please note that even during fellowship hour, the altar area is reserved for those who have a purpose for being there. No food or drink should be brought behind the altar.**