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Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist John
New-martyr Athanasios of Attalia; Venerable Brannock of Braunton

*** THE FIRST ANTIPHON** – *When Israel went out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among a barbarous people; Judah became His sanctuary; Israel His dominion.*

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

The sea beheld and fled: Jordan turned back. What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleddest? And thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back? (Refrain)

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

*** THE SECOND ANTIPHON** – *I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. For He hath inclined His ear unto me, and in my days will I call upon Him.*

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

The pangs of death have encompassed me; the perils of hades have found me. Tribulation and sorrow have I found, and I called upon the name of the Lord. (Refrain)

Merciful is the Lord, and righteous; and our God hath mercy. (Refrain)

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

*** THE THIRD ANTIPHON** – *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let them now who fear the Lord confess that He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.*

• During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of Theophany. Then, the following:

***THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THEOPHANY** – *Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.*

*** RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN** - *Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.*

*** APOLYTIKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE** – *When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.*

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

*** KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR** – *On this day Thou hast appeared * unto the whole world, * and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, * is signed on us who sing Thy praise * and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, * Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.*

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

*** MEGALYNARION OF THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THEOPHANY IN TONE TWO** – *Magnify, O my soul, the Maiden who delivered us from the curse. O the wonder of thy super-intelligent birth-giving, thou all-pure bride, the blessed Mother through whom we have received perfect salvation, we indite a fitting song, offering as a gift the song of gratitude.*

*** KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THEOPHANY IN TONE EIGHT** - *The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Alleluia.*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Jan. 20th – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Jan. 21st – 9:30 PM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

Jan. 27th – No Great Vespers – Fr. Paul will be returning from a training retreat

Jan. 28th – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

Feb. 1st – 6:00 PM – Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ

Feb. 3rd – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Feb. 4th – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

PRAYER LIST - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at 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, Hieromonk 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, Holly, Joshua, Noah, Tara, Louise, Peter, Julita, Marika, Mary, John, Akxanna, Nicholas, David, Nathan, Brooklin, Dylan, Amera, Adam, Moses, Tiffany, Victoria, Tyra, Robert, James-Brian, Steven, Daniel, Daniel, Subdeacon Nathaniel, Thom, Isiah, Jaquagh, Jay, Ryan, Sincere, Bleu, Angelo, April, The students of the Pitt/CMU OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Marilyn, Tobiah Basil

DEPARTED – Bishop Antoun, Archpriest John, Kh. Stephanie, Kh. Joanne, Sylvia Jean, Resa Romani, Bern, Gregory, Efthimios, Helen, Daniel, Rodger, Sean

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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