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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 ORDINARY SUNDAYS** – *Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.*

*** RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX** - *When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.*

*** 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.*

*** APOLYTIKION OF SYNAXIS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE TWO** – *The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.*

*** 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 ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN (Sung in place of “Holy God”)** – *As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (THRICE)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. O God, hear my prayer. The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (19:1-8)
In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:29-34)

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, ‘After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness, “I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

*** MEGALYNARION OF THE SYNAXIS 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 THE SYNAXIS IN TONE EIGHT** - *In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia.*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Jan. 13th – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Jan. 14th – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

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

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, 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, Holly, Joshua, Noah, Tara, Louise, Peter, Julita, Marika, Mary, John, Akxanna, Nicholas, David, Nathan, Brooklin, Dylan, Amara, Adam, Moses, Tiffany, Victoria, Tyra, Robert, James-Brian, Steven, Daniel, Daniel, Subdeacon Nathaniel, Thom, Isiah, Jaquaghn, 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.

Birthdays – Tobiah Basil (Jan. 9th)

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