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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross**

**Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

**Hieromartyrs Autonomos of Italy and Coronatos of Iconium; Venerable Daniel of Thasios**

**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

*Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. Lo, we have heard it at Ephratha. We have found it in the plains of the wood.*

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

*Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God shall help her right early in the morning. (Refrain)*

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

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

*The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not annul it. Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.*

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

*There will I make to spring forth a horn for David. I have prepared a lamp for My Christ. (Refrain)*

*For the Lord hath elected Zion; He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself. (Refrain)*

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

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON** *Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness.*

**APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR** *Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.*

*"O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..."*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (Page 114 in the Spiral Bound Book)** - *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.*

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**APOLYTIKION TO ST. MOSES THE BLACK** - *Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, you were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Moses. You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!*

**KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR** - *By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.*

#### **THE EPISTLE**

**O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God.**

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)**

*Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me; for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.*

#### **THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)**

*The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."*

**MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT** - *Virginity is alien to mothers, and childbirth is foreign to virgins; in thee, O Theotokos, both were granted. Wherefore, all we the tribes of the earth bless thee unceasingly.*

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, Sept 14, 2021 - 7:30 AM** - Matins for the Elevation of the Venerable and Life - Giving Cross

**Tuesday, Sept 14, 2021 - 8:30 AM** - Divine Liturgy for the Elevation of the Venerable and Life - Giving Cross

**Wednesday, September 16, 2021 - 6:00 PM** - Weekly Vespers

**Saturday, September 18, 2021 - 6:00 PM** - Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 19, 2021 - 9:30 AM** - Matins and Divine Liturgy - Parish Vote on Constitution

**Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 9:30 AM** - Matins and Divine Liturgy with Fr. Chris Shadid

**Sunday, October 3, 2021 - 9:30 AM** - Matins and Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 7:30 AM** - Weekly Liturgy

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 6:00 PM** - Weekly Vespers

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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 to add living or departed names to the prayer list.

**LIVING**— Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Kh. Vanessa, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Priest Martin, Kh. Melinda, Majesta, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Justin, Cristopher, Priest Dimitri, Pres. Beth, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Paul, The Seminarian Igiri, The Seminarian Alexandros, Rachel, Caroline, Melania, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Amera, Adam, Moses, Hanni, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Ron, Arbutus, Elizabeth, Chelsea and Ryan, Alex, Maria, Holguin Family, Connor Family, Pani Kathy, Donna, Tina, Tracey, Diane, Carletta, Tyra, Gabriel, Staci, Adrienne, Antoine, Rhonda, Daniel, Emma, Deborah, Gus, Marianne, James, Cathy, Daniel, James, Taili, Angela, John, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Nikola, Katherine, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Wayne, Samuel, Karen & Family, Gabby, Ashley & Family, Nicole, Jason, Kyle, Noah, Jim and Robin, Bob, Patrick and Ashley, Gary, Rebecca and her unborn child, John, Oxanna, Vasily, Lorraine, Willie Jean, Yeshi, Abel, Abeba and Family, Isaias, Samuel, Anthony, Tsige, Yoseph, Sharon and Family, Nashwa Family, Thomas, Maher, Marion, Nezla, Maria, Jennifer, Michael and Family, Laray, Carmen, Peggy and Justin, Mary and John, Charles and Diane, Michael, Najet, Tom and Judy, Ethan Family, Lisa, Dorcas, Fred, Vennie and Family, Sarah and Michael, Ellis, Deborah

**DEPARTED** - Priest Michael, Jose, Mary, Barbara, John - Ana - and George, Kathy, Tarra, Mammo, Wasser, Nashua, Kdist, Kyle, Vicky

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

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