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Sunday, December 30, 2018
The Theophany of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

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.*

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 hast appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST - *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 wast baptized by John in the Jordan; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.*

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Do NOT 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!

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THE EPISTLE

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus. (2:11-15; 3:4-7)

My son Titus, the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world; awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you. When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

THE GOSPEL

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

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by Thee, and Thou dost come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased.”

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION - *In thee rejoiceth all creation, O thou who art full of grace: the hierarchy of the angels, and all mankind, O consecrated temple and paradise endowed with speech; glory of virginity, of whom God, Who is our God before the ages, was incarnate and became a little child. For He made thy womb a throne, and thy belly did He make more spacious than the heavens. In thee doth all creation rejoice, O thou who art full of grace, and it glorifieth thee.*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Children/Youth/Teen Gathering

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Weekly Vespers

Saturday, January 12, 2018 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 13, 2018 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Weekly Vespers

Saturday, January 19, 2018 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 20, 2018 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 - 5:30 PM - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Weekly Vespers

***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 John & Family, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Archpriest Patrick, Kh. Vanessa, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Justin, Christopher, Priest Samuel, Pres. Fotini, Hieromonk Michael, The Sisterhood of St. Nina Monastery, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Parishioners of St. George, Deacon Joseph, Shimasee Rebecca, Unborn Child, The Seminarian Paul, Deacon John, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, The Painter Family, The Boozer Family, The Wells Family, The Horne Family, The Focus Family, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Ashley, Marcella, Tara, Louise, Peter, Julita, Marika, Mary, John, Akxanna, Nicholas, Stephen, David, Jerrel, Nathan, Brooklin, Dylan, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Amera, Adam, Moses, Ramey, Victoria, Tyra, Lamar, Blair, Bisrat, Ava, Aaryn, Michael, Emma, Deborah, Marianne, James, Haleigh, Cathy, Kathleen, Daniel, Rocco, Diane, Michael, Isiah, Jaquaghn, Jay, Ryan, Sincere, Bleu, Angelo, April, Paul, Dawaan, Jayden, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, David, Esther, Juliana, Mary, Xenia, Thekla, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Arbutus, Alexandra, Aaron, Madelyn, Rachel, William, James, Juliana, Isabel, Fidelia, Rhonda, Shawana, Michelle, Josh, Alexander, Jonathan, Jaden, Qradin, William, Joseph, Jacqueline, Diane, Edith, Chris, Caroline, Luke, Samuel, Hosanna, Alexander, Major, Barry, Linda, Lydia, Kristin, Katherine, Kammy, Tobiah Basil

DEPARTED – Kh. Stephanie, Kh. Joanne, Bern, Helen, Timothy, Michael, M. Victoria, John, Ed, Lucille

****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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