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December 18, 2022 **Sunday before the Nativity of Christ (The Genealogy)** **Martyrs Sebastian and Zoe of Rome, and those with them**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO (Blue books page 6.2) - *When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.*

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO - *Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.*

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE - *On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.*

THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:9-10, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 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, so 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. Matthew. (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Friday, December 23, 2022 - 9:00 AM - Royal Hours of Nativity

Saturday, December 24, 2022 - 7:00 PM - Matins for the Nativity of our Lord

Saturday, December 24, 2022 - 8:00 PM - Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord with Fellowship and Meal to follow

Sunday, December 25 - Blessed Nativity - No Services

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 - No Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 - No Weekday Vespers

Saturday, December 31, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers with His Grace Bishop THOMAS Joseph (Meal to follow)

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop THOMAS Joseph

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - No Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Friday, January 6, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Matins and Liturgy for the Feast of Epiphany

Saturday, January 7, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 8, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

A Few Points of Note

1. If you are able to provide a meal for the Wolfe Family, please contact Pres. Kristina. Henry is making good progress.
2. Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village Hosted by our Parish - June 28 - July 2, 2023
 1. We need an additional Co-Chair for the Parish Life Conference if you are interested, please see David.

PRAYER LIST - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at Kristina.nicole@me.com or via text to add living or departed names to the prayer list.

LIVING – Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Metropolitan Onufriy and the People of Ukraine, The People of Tigray, Eritrea and Ethiopia, The people of Syria, Holy Archangel Michael Monastery, Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Archpriest Jerome and Family, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, Mother Katherine, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Luke, The Seminarian Micah and Family, The Seminarian Kevin, The Seminarian Elias and Olivia, The Seminarian Alexandros, Rachel and Christina, Anthony, Caroline, Melania, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Julitta, Ashley and Family, Laura, David, Jerrel, Moses, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Hanni, George, Arbutus, Michael, Maria, Ana, Molli, Eliza, Tobiah, Chelsea and Ryan, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, Rose, Chrissie, Pat & Dave, Nick and Family, Eliza, Ella, Anastasia, Paige, Noah, Evan, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Amy, John and Family, Bob, Samuel, Andrea, John, Oxanna, Vasily, Lorraine, Yeshi, Robert and Cheryl, Nikki, Blake, Henry, Lance, Andronicus and the Wolfe Family, Terri, Bernadette and Rob, Aujhanay, Solomon, Dawit, Eyobel, Jeff and Shelly, Amysia, Mellow

DEPARTED - Dan, Essa

CONFESSIONS - By Appointment - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy by calling at 412.227.9746 or Pres. Kristina to schedule confession or house blessing.

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