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**Sunday, December 16, 2018**  
**Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ**

Prophet Haggai; Theophania the empress; Modestos, archbishop of Jerusalem

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR (Spiral book page 116)** - *Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.*

**APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO** - *Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, 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 just in all that Thou hast done for us.**

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)**

*Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.*

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)**

*The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the*

*poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."*

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## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, December 19, 2018 - 6:00 PM - Weekly Vespers**

**Saturday, December 22, 2018 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**

**Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy**

**Monday, December 24, 2018 - 8:30 AM - Royal Hours**

**Monday, December 24, 2018 - 7:00 PM - Matins & Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus Christ**

**Wednesday, December 26, 2018 - 6:00 PM - NO Vespers**

**Saturday, December 29, 2018 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**

**Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy**

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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 or call at 724.493.7213 to add living or departed names to the prayer list.**

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

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**\*\*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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