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Third Sunday of Great Lent - Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Sophronios, patriarch of Jerusalem; Martyrs Thalos and Trophimos of Latakia; Venerable George of Sinai;
Theodora of Arta, the empress; Euthymios, bishop of Novgorod

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The light of Thy countenance is marked upon us. Thou hast given a sign to them that fear Thee, so that they may flee from the bow.

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

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast given an inheritance to those that fear Thy Name, O Lord. (Refrain)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let us worship at the place where His feet stood.

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

God is our King before the ages; He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Refrain)

I will be exalted among the heathen; I will be exalted in the earth. (Refrain)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON – *Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Feed them, and lift them up forever.*

- During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross.

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.*

- After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN – *Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.*

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE – *O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.*

- Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT – *To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.*

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. (THRICE)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.
Dynamis!
Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee"; as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

- The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual with the following variables.

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION – *In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – *The light of Thy countenance is marked upon us, O Lord. Alleluia.*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, March 12th – 6:00 PM – Compline

Wednesday, March 14th – 6:30 PM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 16th – 5:00 PM – Akathist

Saturday, March 17th – 9:30 AM – Soul Saturday Liturgy for the Departed

Followed by Visitors from our sister church in Hunt Valley, MD

Saturday, March 17th – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, March 18th – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy – FOLLOWED BY PARISH MEETING

Monday, March 19th – 6:00 PM – Compline

Wednesday, March 21st – 6:30 PM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 23rd – 5:00 PM – Akathist

Saturday, March 24th – 9:30 AM – Soul Saturday Liturgy for the Departed

Saturday, March 24th – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, March 25th – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy – FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION

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, Tara, Louise, Peter, Julita, Marika, Mary, John, Akxanna, Nicholas, David, Norma, Nathan, Brooklin, Dylan, Amera, Adam, Moses, Tiffany, Victoria, Tyra, Robert, James-Brian, Steven, Daniel, Daniel, Subdeacon Nathaniel, Thom, Isiah, Jaquaghn, Jay, Ryan, Sincere, Bleu, Angelo, April, Paul, Dawaan, Jayden, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna

DEPARTED – Bishop Antoun, Archpriest John, Kh. Stephanie, Kh. Joanne, Sylvia Jean, Bern, Gregory, Efthimios, Helen, Daniel, Rodger, Danny, Delores, Danny

****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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****Please note that even during fellowship hour, the altar area is reserved for those who have a purpose for being there. No food or drink should be brought behind the altar.**