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The Annunciation to the Most-Holy Theotokos

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

O God, give Thy judgment to the king, and Thy righteousness to the son of the king. Let the mountains receive peace for the people, and let the hills receive righteousness.

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

Proclaim from day to day the good tidings of His salvation. 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)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

He shall come down like rain upon a fleece, and like raindrops that fall upon the earth. The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast incarnate for our sake; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

God shall come visibly, yea, our God, and shall not keep silence. (Refrain)

In His days shall righteousness dawn forth an abundance of peace, until the moon be taken away. (Refrain)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON – *His Name shall be blessed forever; His Name shall continue longer than the sun. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious Name unto the ages, and unto the ages of ages.*

- During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Annunciation. Then, the following:

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST – *Proclaim from day to day the good tidings of the salvation of our God. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.*

- After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE – *While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.*

APOLYTIKION OF THE ANNUNCIATION IN TONE FOUR – *Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.*

- Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION OF THE ANNUNCIATION 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 EPISTLE

Tell forth from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:11-18)

Brethren, He Who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim Thy Name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise Thee." And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death He might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that He is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For, because He Himself has suffered and been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (1:24-38)

At that time, Elizabeth, the wife of Zachariah, conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." In the sixth month the archangel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the archangel came to her and said, "Rejoice, O favored one, the Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the archangel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou wilt conceive in thy womb and bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the archangel, "How shall this be, since I have known no man?" And the archangel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon thee, and the power of the Most High will overshadow thee; therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the archangel departed from her.

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE FOUR – *Proclaim, O earth, the glad tidings of great joy, and ye heavens, praise the glory of God. The Theotokos, being the living tabernacle of God, shall never be touched by an unclean hand. But the lips of believers shall sing unto her ceaselessly with the voice of angels, crying joyfully: Hail, O full of grace. The Lord is with thee.*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE ANNUNCIATION IN TONE EIGHT – *The Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired her for His dwelling. Alleluia.*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, March 26th – 6:00 PM – Compline

Wednesday, March 28th – 6:30 PM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 30th – 5:00 PM – Compline for Lazarus Saturday – Followed by Egg Packing

Saturday, March 31st – 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday – Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31st – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sunday, April 1st – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy – PALM SUNDAY

Sunday April 1st – 7:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins

Monday April 2nd – 9:30 AM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Monday April 2nd – 5:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday April 3rd – 9:30 AM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Tuesday April 3rd – 7:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday April 4th – 9:30 AM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Wednesday April 4th – 7:00 PM – Holy Unction

Thursday April 5th – 9:30 AM – Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Thursday April 5th – 7:00 PM – Orthos of Great and Holy Friday

Friday April 6th – 10:00 AM – Royal Hours

Friday April 6th – 4:00 PM – Great Vespers of Holy Friday

Friday April 6th – 7:00 PM – Lamentations at the Tomb

Saturday April 7th – 10:00 AM – Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Saturday April 7th – 10:00 PM – Paschal Rush

Sunday April 8th – 12:00 PM – Agape 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 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, Victoria, Tyra, Robert, James-Brian, Steven, Daniel, Kelli, Daniel, Subdeacon Nathaniel, Thom, Michael, Emma, Deborah, Marianne, James, Haleigh, Cathy, Kathleen, Daniel, 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, Victoria, Andre, Joey*

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