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**Sunday, September 8, 2019**  
**Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross &**  
**Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

#### **THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

*Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. Lo, we have heard it at Ephratha. We have found it in the plains of the wood.*

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

*Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God shall help her right early in the morning. (Refrain)*

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

#### **THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

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

*There will I make to spring forth a horn for David. I have prepared a lamp for My Christ. (Refrain)*

*For the Lord hath elected Zion; He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself. (Refrain)*

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

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON** *Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness.*

**During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Then, the following:**

**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.*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (Spiral Book Page 116)** - *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.*

**APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR** - *Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.*

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

**KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR** - *By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.*

## THE EPISTLE

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

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)**

*Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.*

## THE GOSPEL

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

*The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For, God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."*

**MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT -** *Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb. Verily, virginity, O Theotokos, is impossible for a mother, as birth-giving is impossible for virgins. Yet in thee hath the dispensation of both been accomplished. Wherefore, all we families of the earth do ceaselessly bless thee.*

**KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT -** *I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.*

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## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019** - No Weekday Vespers

**Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 9:30 AM** - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

**Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 6:00 PM** - Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 15, 2019 - 9:30 AM** - Matins and Divine Liturgy - Church School Following Communion

**Monday, September 16, 2019 - 6:00 PM** - Baptism of David Butler

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019** - No Weekday Vespers

**Saturday, September 21, 2019 - 6:00 PM** - Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 22, 2019 - 9:30 AM** - Matins and Divine Liturgy - Church School Following Communion

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019** - No Weekday Vespers

**Saturday, September 28, 2019 - 6:00 PM** - Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 29, 2019 - 9:30 AM** - Matins and Divine Liturgy - Church School Following Communion

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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.

**LIVING**— Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest Elias, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Archpriest Patrick, Kh. Vanessa, Hieromonk Michael, Deacon John, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Parishioners of St. George, The Seminarian Paul, Emmanuel, Melissa, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, The Focus Family, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Amera, Adam, Moses, Ramey, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Victoria, Tyra, Lamar, Bisrat, James, Maurice, Gladys, Emma, Deborah, Marianne, James, Haleigh, Cathy, Kathleen, Daniel, Rocco, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, David, Esther, Juliana, Mary, Frank, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Fidelia, Katherine, Kammy, Andrea, Xenia, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Elizabeth, John, Tanya, Brad, Owen, Arthur Jennifer, Tieke, Samuel, Karen & Family, Judy, Jason, Charles, Craig, Brittany, Michael, Nadar, Angela, Emil, Tara, Dale, Gabby, Joel, Ashley, Dave, Elise, Dan, Elizabeth

**DEPARTED** – Kh. Stephanie, Jeanne, Kaitlin, Ibrahim, Shama, Eddie

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