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February 5, 2023 **Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican &** **After-feast of Presentation (Meeting) of Christ**

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

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

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever. **(Refrain)**

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee.

(Refrain)

*A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. **(Refrain)***

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON - *Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation.*

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE - *Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.*

"O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..."

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE (Blue book page 6.1) - *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.*

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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 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE - *Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.*

THE EPISTLE

Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God. God is known in Judea; His Name is great in Israel.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings, what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured! And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Indeed all who would live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But people who are wicked and deceivers will proceed from worse to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and how from infancy you have known the sacred temple writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Liturgy
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers for the Presentation of Christ
Saturday, February 11, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 12, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Liturgy
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers
Saturday, February 18, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of Souls
Saturday, February 18, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 19, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Liturgy
Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers
Saturday, February 25, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, February 26, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy
Sunday, February 26, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, February 27, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Prescantified Liturgy
Thursday, March 2, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Friday, March 3, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, March 3, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline

Save the Date - Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village Hosted by our Parish - June 28 - July 2, 2023

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, Palestine, Lebanon, and Iraq, Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Archpriest Jerome and Family, The Fellowship of the Holy Archangel Michael Monastery, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, Mother Katherine, Kh. Hana, 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, Ashley and Family, Moses, Samuel, Samuel, Andrea, Nathan, Brooklyn, Hanni, George, Maya and Family, Arbutus, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, The Weaver Family, Rhonda, Daniel, Rose, Chrissie, Pat & Dave, Nick and Family, Eliza, Ella, Anastasia, Paige, Noah, Evan, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Brandon, Amy, John and Family, John, Oxanna, Yeshi, Paulos, Solomon, Dawit, Eyobel, Vladimir, Nikki, Henry, Aujhanay, Scott

DEPARTED - Safwat, Kristin Sarah, James, Thomas, Jose, Sam

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

House Blessings - Please see the sheet on the back table to indicate you would like to be scheduled for a house blessing. Norma from Neighborhood Resilience Project will be in touch with you to schedule.

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