



**SUNDAY BEFORE THE
ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
AFTER-FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
SYNAXIS OF THE ANCESTORS OF GOD,
JOACHIM AND ANNA**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

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

Refrain: Through the prayers 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: O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us 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 ENTRANCE HYMN OF REGULAR SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead; for now we sing unto Thee: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
IN TONE FOUR

Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

APOLYTIKION OF SS. JOACHIM AND ANNA IN TONE TWO

As we celebrate the remembrance of Thy righteous Ancestors, O Lord our God, through them we beseech Thee to save our souls.

TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
IN TONE FOUR

By your nativity, most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve --- from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: "The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life."

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

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

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

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."

PARISH UPDATES

Mediterranean Festival—Please note the following schedule for our food prep for the upcoming Mediterranean Festival of our parish community. Contact Maria David (812-243-5890) for more information. **PRE-SALE TICKETS AVAILABLE**, contact Esther Simbol (812-249-9247); visit our parish website for more details! We greatly appreciate your efforts in publicizing our festival; print and post-up flyers and help pre-sale tickets to family, friends, and neighbors!

Tuesday, Sept 11 at 5:30p; Sunday, Sept 16 after Coffee Hour;
Tuesday, Sept 18 at 5:30p; Thursday, Sept 20 at 5:30p

Church School Blessing of Students & Classrooms (TODAY)—Our youth education program begins today with the Blessing of Students & Classrooms! Many thanks to our teachers who are willingly offering this ministry towards our youth!

Festal Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Thursday, September 13)—By anticipation we will celebrate this Great Feast in the Life of the Church at 6:00p—we hope that you and your family will make it a priority to join us for one of the 12 major feasts!

Altar Server Retreat (Saturday, September 15)—We invite those wanting to serve to join us for this annual training retreat at 11:00a followed by a luncheon. Please contact Fr. Paul for more details.

Bethesda Gardens Visitation (RESCHEDULED—September 30)—Please note the different date for our Sunday visit in September; join us at 2:00p for this beautiful gathering with some grateful seniors!

St. George Festival in Indy (September 21-23)—Support our sister parish in Fishers, IN for their annual Festival.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE LESSON



Please silence your cell phones (and pagers) before entering into the Church—we should do our best to limit distractions during worship, especially turning off our cell phones. Obviously, we should not be talking on our phone in Church (this includes reading/sending text messages). Although signage is usually posted, we may need an additional reminder.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DARLA SACOPULOS	9TH
NAYA ABDAYEM	12TH
ROSEMARIE TANOOS	12TH
DONALD DAVIS, JR.	15TH
ELENI MILLER	15TH



SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 2,432.00
Candles/Cash	\$ 117.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>\$ 105.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,654.00

Divine Liturgy Attendance:

75

HOLY OBLATION



TODAY

Offered by Fr. Paul & Ramia Fuller for the health and well-being of their family.

September 16

Offered by the Abdayem Family for their health and well-being.

September 23

Offered by Jim and Tricia Tanoos, for the health and well-being of their family and on the occasion of their son, Michael's birthday.

September 30

Offered by the Cook Family, for the health and well-being of their family and on the occasion of Alexandra's birthday.

COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP) HOUR

TODAY — Baby Fuller Shower

Sept 16 — Hosted by the Abdayem Family

Sept 23 — Hosted by Jim & Tricia Tanoos

Sept 30 — Hosted by the Cook Family

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Thursday, September 13	Festal Liturgy (Exaltation of the Cross)	6:00p
Saturday, September 15	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, September 16	Matins	9:00a
	Divine Liturgy	10:00a

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