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DIVINE LITURGY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020; TONE 2 / EOTHINON 1 1 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW LEAVE-TAKING OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

MARTYR LUPUS, SERVANT OF THE GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIOS; HIEROMARTYR IRENAIOS,
BISHOP OF LYONS; VENERABLE NICHOLAS AND DIONYSIOS OF OLYMPUS



THE FIRST ANTIPHON

+ *Shout with jubilation unto the Lord, all the earth. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name.*

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

+ *In the city of our God, in His holy mountain, and His place hath been made in peace, and His dwelling in Zion. (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
(Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

+ *The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.*

Refrain: O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

+ *God hath laid her foundations unto eternity. We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people. (Refrain)*

+ *The Most-high hath hallowed His tabernacle. (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

HYMN OF ST. JUSTINIAN

Only Begotten Son and Word of God, who art immortal, Thou didst take on Thee for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and without change was made man, and was crucified also, O Christ our God, and by Thy death hast death subdued. Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O save, O save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON: APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

+ *Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He hath given me? I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.*

Refrain: In giving birth thou didst keep thy virginity; and in thy repose, thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for thou art the Mother of Life and thou didst pass over into life. And through thine intercessions, from death thou dost redeem our souls.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

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APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANNA, Righteous Ancestor of God, Mother of the Theotokos:

O godly minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever blessed one.

KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE TWO

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

TRISAGION HYMN

People: (*sung*) Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*three times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.* Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Deacon: *With Strength!*

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

~THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGS~

THE EPISTLE (For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

Deacon: *Wisdom.*

Reader: **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)**

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

ALLELUIA for the Feast (Psalm 131:8.11)

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and He will not annul it.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

Deacon: *Wisdom. Stand upright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.*

Priest: *Peace be to all.*

People: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: *The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)*

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

CHERUBIC HYMN

We who mystically represent the cherubim, and who sing to the life-giving Trinity the thrice holy hymn, let us now lay aside all earthly cares, that we may receive the King on all who comes invisibly up borne by the angelic host. *Alleluia.*

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets; And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead. And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE ONE

All we the generations ever call thee blessed, the only Theotokos.

The bounds of nature are overcome in thee, O immaculate Virgin; for thy childbirth is virginal, and thy death is the espousal of life. O thou who after childbirth art virgin, and who after death art living, do thou, O Theotokos, ever save thine inheritance.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYER – A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

THE COMMUNION HYMN - KOINONIKON – Psalm 115:4-7

Refrain: I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

- 1). *My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all His people. (Refrain)*
- 2). *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Refrain)*
- 3). *O Lord, I am Thy servant; I am Thy servant and the son of Thy handmaid. Thou hast broken my bonds asunder. (Refrain) Alleluia.*

Deacon: *With the fear of God and faith and love, draw near.*

People: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us.

THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNION HYMN

Receive me today, O Son of God, as partaker of Thy mystical supper; for I will not speak, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee. Remember me, O Lord, remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

improve the long-term integrity of this building for the landlord. Thank you, in advance, for your help with this project and for your continued prayers for our church.

[Inquirer's Class – An Introduction to the Orthodox Christian Church](#) – Fr. Stephen will begin a 10-week class on Wednesday, September 2 at 7pm. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to come and participate in this very special opportunity. All are welcome!

Current Healthcare Protocols

1. Practice social distancing: family units may stand together, with each household six feet apart.
2. As a sacrificial expression of love for one another, wearing of face masks is STRONGLY encouraged. Those unwilling or unable (small children) are asked to congregate in the fellowship area of the space. Masks are available to each family at the back when you first return to the church.
3. Spacing for communion is to remain intact. Approach the chalice with your mouth open. Small children and infants to commune last.
4. If you or any of your family or co-workers or friends with whom you have come into contact are exhibiting any of the Coronavirus symptoms please stay home and allow us to pray for the restoration of your health.
5. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant soap are available for your use as you enter the building at the kitchen sink and in the restrooms.

ST. ANNA PRAYER REQUESTS: (Please send updates to this Prayer List to: DnAndrewShort@gmail.com)

- Planning for our church - Please pray for all of those involved with the short-term and long-term plans.
- Ben/Hannah Kelley – expecting a baby in Sept.
- BJ, Anna and Naomi Faith Rose
- Rita Trimble
- Jayne Robbins
- Jordan Reesor (Basil's nephew)
- McCaffrey family (friends of Webster's)
- Ben Hathaway Family (Kevin/Laura's son)
- Robert Meese
- Anna Derryberry-Carter (Basil's sister)
- Robbie Derryberry (Basil's brother)
- Jen Bailey
- Melody Reddecopp (Anna Rose's friend)
- Mark Dumond (Julie's husband)
- TJ Segrest (Kevin and Laura Hathaway's friend)
- Kevin and Laura Hathaway
- Hunter Kerr (Donovan & Holly's oldest son)
- Bonnie (Rachel Meese's grandmother – 100 yrs)
- Lisa Trimble
- Brad & family (friend of the Websters)
- Allen (Jairus Mayer's cousin)
- Cynthia Midgett (Nancy Webster's friend)
- Nila Dumond (Julie's mother-in-law)
- Julie Dumond
- Sister Stavriane (The Short's daughter)
- Lindsay Weaver

✠ Holy Righteous Ancestor of God, Anna, pray for us. ✠

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A large, colorful mosaic of Christ Pantocrator, the central figure of the Orthodox Christian Church. He is depicted with a beard and long hair, wearing a blue and red robe, holding a book. He is surrounded by four angels. The mosaic is set within a circular frame with a blue background and a gold border. The text "I AM WHO I AM" is written around the top and bottom of the circle.

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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
brethren to dwell together in unity."
- Psalm 133:1

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