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DIVINE LITURGY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020, TONE 3 / EOTHINON 1 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & TWELFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ALEXANDER, PAUL THE NEW, AND JOHN, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE PHANTINOS OF
CALABRIA; REPOSE OF VENERABLE ALEXANDER OF SVIR; TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ALEXANDER
NEVSKY, PRINCE OF NOVGOROD; CYRIL AND MAKARIOS, PATRIARCHS OF SERBIA



THE FIRST ANTIPHON (Psalm 91)

+ *It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy Name, O Most High.*

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

+ *To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night. (Refrain)*

+ *Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. (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 (Psalm 92)

+ *The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and hath girt Himself.*

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

+ *For He established the world which shall not be shaken. (Refrain)*

+ *Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days. (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 RESURRECTION IN TONE THREE

+ *Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior.*

Refrain: 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.

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 THREE

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 BAPTIST'S BEHEADING IN TONE TWO

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Whom they had proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us Great Mercy.

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 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.

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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

Deacon: *Wisdom.*

Reader: **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)**

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

ALLELUIA for the Feast (Psalm 30:1,2)

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me not be put to shame in the age to come.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *Be Thou unto me a God to defend me and a house of refuge to save me.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (For the Twelfth 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. (19:16-26)*

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

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to Him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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 IT IS TRULY MEET

It is truly meet, it is truly meet, to call thee Blessed, Lady Theotokos. Lady ever-greatly blessed, and most perfect in innocence, and Mother of our God. Lady more precious than the cherubim and more glorious beyond all measure than the seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word and art truly Theotokos, we magnify Thee, we magnify Thee.

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 148:1-4

Refrain: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

1). *Praise Him, all ye His Angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts. (Refrain)*

2). *Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light. (Refrain)*

3). *Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens. (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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

We have seen the true light we have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true faith worshipping the Trinity, undivided, who hath saved us.

LET OUR MOUTHS BE FILLED

Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord that we may sing of Thy glory. For Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal, and life creating mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

St. Anna Orthodox Christian Church Announcements

Receiving Holy Communion unites us with Our Lord Jesus Christ, His unoriginated Father, the Holy Spirit, our Bishop and the Church, both in heaven and on earth. To commune signifies a commitment to Holy Orthodox Christianity and that all communicants share this common Apostolic Faith. As such, only those who are members in good standing of the Holy Orthodox Christian Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and regular confession may receive the Eucharist. All those present today, including non-Orthodox, are invited to receive the Blessed Bread as a sign of our friendship.

If you not a member of the assigned group for Sunday's services please join those in attendance in praying and celebrating these services by going to the St. Anna Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnaColumbia/> If you miss the appointed time for the service, you may view and pray along with the clergy and chanters after the service is completed by clicking on the link to that service. We understand that joining these services by viewing them on your phone, tablet, computer screen or TV may not be like you are used to joining services. However, under these circumstances, complying with the directives sent to us by the Metropolitan and doing all we can to not put any of you at a health risk during these uncertain days, we believe these online services will be a great way to supplement your personal and family prayers. May God protect and have mercy on us all.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday, August 30: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group A)
Saturday, September 5: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – *All are welcome*
Sunday, September 6: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group B)
Tuesday, September 8: Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos (6:30 pm) – *All are welcome*
Saturday, September 12: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – *All are welcome*
Sunday, September 13: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group A)
Saturday, September 19: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – *All are welcome*
Sunday, September 20: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group B)
Saturday, September 26: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – *All are welcome*
Sunday, September 27: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group A)

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PROSPHORA (Holy Bread Baking)</u>	<u>EPISTLE READER</u>
Sun, August 30	A	Anna Rose (F)	Grant Kelley
Sun, September 6	B	Anna Rose (F)	BJ Rose
Tues, September 8	<i>All are welcome</i>	Anna Rose (F)	Basil Derryberry
Sun, September 13	A	Anna Rose (F)	Eric Stephens
Sun, September 20	B	Alicia Meese (B)	Kevin Hathaway
Sun, September 27	A	Alicia Meese (F)	Grant Kelley

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 special opportunity. All are welcome!

Update from Robert Meese – (Many of you have been praying for Robert and the restoration of his health. He forwarded these words to us this week. Please continue to pray for Robert and his family.) From St. Basil the Great, "Blessed are those who exchange the present for the hope of the life to come, whether we are sitting in flames like the three young men in Babylon, locked up with lions, or swallowed by a sea monster, we must give praise, rejoicing and not mourning over the present, but be merry in the hope of what is to come." Besides divine consolation, what makes me merry is the thought that some are praying for me - and some even make soup. Peace and love, Robert

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
- Bob and Tina Schmidt (friends of Julie Dumond)

✠ 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 dome. 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 against a blue background with gold accents. The text "I AM WHO I AM" is visible in the mosaic's border.

 **3rd ANNUAL SPIRITUAL
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IT'S VIRTUAL & FREE!

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

SAVE THE DATE!
OCTOBER 2nd - 4th, 2020

A DOMSE spiritual retreat for Clergy,
Antiochian Men, Antiochian Women, Young Adults,
Teen SOYO, and DOMSE Kids!