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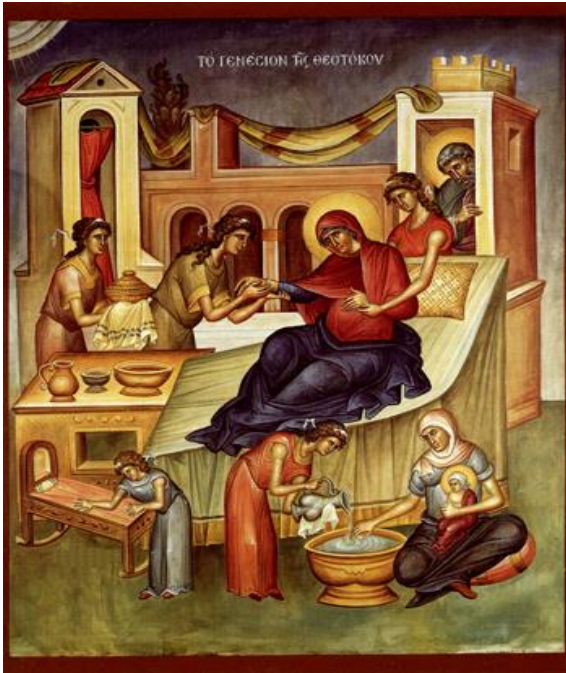
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**September 10, 2017**

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**Sunday before Elevation of the Cross**

**Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**



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*Troparion and Kontakion for Sunday, September 10, 2017*

**Tone 5            Troparion            (*Resurrection*)**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tone 4            Troparion            (*for the Feast*)**

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.

**Tone 1            Troparion            (*for the Martyrs*)**

Let all who rejoice at their triumph honor those three virgin martyrs, who are united to God as sisters and who pour forth fair streams of grace: Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, who were in all things courageous; they ever pray to the Trinity for us.

**Tone 5            Kontakion            (*Resurrection*)**

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, // and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

**Tone 4 Kontakion            (*for the Martyrs*)**

Invincible in your struggles for the Holy Trinity, and through your love for each other as sisters, you defeated the foe of the spiritual life, and with the five virgins, entered victoriously into the heavenly mansions where you ever rejoice with the angels in the presence of the King of all!

**Tone 4            Kontakion            (*for the Feast*)**

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."

***Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before the Elevation)***

6 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! <sup>12</sup>As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh,

these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. <sup>14</sup> But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup> And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup> From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. <sup>18</sup> Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

***Epistle: II Corinthians 1:21-2:4***

**1** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, <sup>22</sup> who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. <sup>23</sup> Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. <sup>24</sup> Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. **2** But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. <sup>2</sup> For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? <sup>3</sup> And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is *the joy* of you all. <sup>4</sup> For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

***Gospel: John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before the Elevation)***

**3** No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

***Gospel Matthew 22:1-14***

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a

marriage for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. <sup>4</sup> Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding.'" <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup> And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them*. <sup>7</sup> But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' <sup>10</sup> So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> "For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

### **Many Years!**

***Birthdays***      12 Mariana Munteanu  
                             14 Nikolay Uchakin

***Anniversaries*** 16 Mark & Diane Dorogy

### ***Announcements for Sunday, September, 10, 2017:***

- Morning prayers Tuesday, 9am.
- Bible study Wednesdays at 6:45pm.
- The Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is celebrated on the 13/14th. We will have Vigil at 6pm on the 13rd and Divine Liturgy at 9am on the 14th.
- In honor of the Cross the 14th is a fast day.