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TONE 6, EOTHINON 9. Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet, and James the brother of the Lord.

FIRST ANTIPHON

I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will speak of all Thy marvelous works. In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation, the works of the Lord are great. (R.): Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us! They are sought out according to all His purposes. His work is honorable and glorious, His righteousness endures forever. (R.) Glory... Now and ever... (R.)

SECOND ANTIPHON

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord and delights greatly in His commandments: His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed. (R.) Save us, O Son of God Who art risen from the dead, as we chant to Thee, "Alleluia"! Glory and riches shall be in His house, and His righteousness endures forever. (R.) A light in the darkness arises for the upright: God is gracious, full of compassion and righteous. (R.) Glory... Now and ever... (Only begotten Son and Word of God ...)

THIRD ANTIPHON

Troparion of the Nativity (see below) preceded by the following Psalm verses:

- *The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand, until I make Thine enemies a footstool of thy feet*
- *The Lord shall send to you a scepter of power from Zion. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the splendor of Thy saints.*
- *Glory ... Now and ever ...*

LITTLE ENTRANCE

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ! O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia"!

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 6): 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.

TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY (Tone 4). Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars from the star did learn to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know Thee, the East from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT (Tone 4, Russian): Like the zealous Elijah thou didst become, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways. A dweller in the wilderness, thou didst steady the world by prayer. O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY (Tone 3): The Virgin brings forth today the Omnipotent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels give glory with shepherds, and the magi journey with the star. Since for our sakes was born as a new babe He Who is from eternity God.

THE EPISTLE TO THE GALATIANS (Gal 1:11-19)

Prokeimenon: God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

Brethren: I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (Matthew 2:13-23)

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned of Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in the city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, January 5: Vespers (6:30 PM)

Sunday, January 6: Matins (9 AM); Liturgy (10 AM), followed by blessing of the water for Theophany.

Sat/Sun, January 12-13: Vespers, 6:30 pm; Matins 9:15 am + Typika. Services will be led by Deacon Martin (Fr. Bogdan will be in Romania). Blessing of Lake Arthur, with the other Orthodox in the area.

Saturday / Sunday JAN 26—27: SAINT ANTHONY'S DAY! We will serve Matins and Liturgy together with the priests and faithful of the other two Orthodox churches in Butler/Lyndora. Our guest preacher is Fr. Thomas Mueller, who will speak on the topic of suffering and mourning as disciples of Christ.