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**SUNDAY BEFORE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS**  
**FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

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#### WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late

Sunday School: Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

**Prayer Requests and Bulletin News:** All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Monday**: emailed to Fr. Leonard at [fatherfaris@comcast.net](mailto:fatherfaris@comcast.net) call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Entrance Hymn**

Ha-lum-mu li-nas-judu, wal-nar-ka' lil-ma-sih, khal-lis-na ya bna l-lah, ya man ga-ma min  
by-nil-am-wat, li-nu-rat-til la-ka, Hal-li-lu-ia

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4 (repeated)**

**Troparion of the Forefeast of Theotokos' Nativity, Tone 4**

From the root of Jesse and the loins of David the great king, Mariam, the child of God, is born for our sake on this day. Hence, all creation exulteth on its renewal. Both men and the earth rejoice together now. Praise her, O ye tribes of nations here below. The righteous Joachim rejoiceth, and Anna keepeth feast, crying out: The barren beareth the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

**Troparion of St. George, Tone 4**

As deliver of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirmed, champion of kings, victorious great martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

**Kontakion of the Forefeast of Theotokos' Nativity, Tone 3**

On this day the Virgin Maid, Mary the pure Theotokos, the unentered bride-chamber of the great Heavenly Bridegroom, now is born of barren Anna by the divine will, to be made ready for God the Word as His chariot: for which she was foreordained as the gate of God and the very Mother of Life.

**THE EPISTLE**

*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

### 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."

## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered in gratitude for the health and safety of Phil Mobley, offered by Christy Mobley and family. May God bless Phil and his family with peace, good health and happiness.

### *Prayers are being offered for the Health and Safety of:*

ABDELAHAD: Nora  
ABOU FARAH: Elias  
ANSARA: Lorice, Yvette  
BEAUDRY: Ray  
BORAGINE: David & Cindy, Ida  
FERRIS: David  
GENDRON: Bob  
GRILLAKIS: Julie  
GRIVAS: Athanasia  
HABIB: Duayne  
HOPKINSON: Karen  
MARIA: Clemence  
MARIA: Elaine  
POULOS: Helen  
STEWART: Martha  
TAYEBI: Amad  
YEGHIAZARIANS: Dr. Vartan, Lisa &  
Genia

### *Prayers are being offered in Memory of:*

ABDELAHAD: Charles  
ABODEELY: Connie, George  
ANSARA: Andrew, Elias  
ARSENAULT: Phyllis, Lionel  
ASSALY: Gladys, Linda: Juliette,  
Laurice, Siham  
BEAUDRY:  
Barbara, James "Jimmy"  
BORAGINE: Dorothy, Sal  
BOURAS: Cleopatra  
FARIS: George, Elsie,  
Mary T., Mary V.  
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Eleanor, Joanne, Robert,  
N. Mary  
KADIR: Joe & Terry Husson  
KHABAZEH: Salim  
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LOUH: Amanda, Nuha Shahin  
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Matilda  
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T. Michael  
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TAYEBI: Alexa  
VIEIRA: Elaine  
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ZANANIRI: Abraham, Henry,  
Hilda, Nahil

## COMING UP

Mon	9/8	7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue	9/9	6:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Church Hall
Sun	9/14	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy and Procession with the Holy Cross for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Divine Liturgy begins on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. We should make every effort to come to church on time and not arrive late every Sunday. We go to work on time, school on time, social functions on time and even sports events on time. Why can't we come to church on time??

If we arrive after the reading of the Holy Gospel we **SHOULD NOT** approach to receive Holy Communion on that day. Let us show God the respect that HE is due.

Thank you!

Fr. Leonard

## REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICES AND ALTAR BREAD

Anyone wishing to offer a Memorial Service and offer the Altar Bread for their loved ones please contact Fr. Leonard to schedule a date.

## COFFEE HOURS

We would like to see a coffee hour each week. For those interested in signing up to host a coffee hour please inform Fr. Leonard and put your name and the reason you are hosting it on the calendar in the back of the hall. If no one sponsors a coffee hour there will NOT be any for that day. Please see Fr. Leonard if you have any questions.



Sun 9/28

Beginning of Sunday School. This year Sunday School will be held every Sunday from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. PARENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR CHILDREN EACH WEEK ON TIME!

If you haven't already enrolled your children please do so today.

Remember it is the duty of every parent to teach their children about the Faith and to bring them to Church faithfully. If you have any questions, please speak with Christy Mobley, the Sunday School Superintendent.

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