

September 11- afterfeast of the nativity of the Mother of God, venerable Theodora of Alexandria

FIRST ANTIPHON

O Lord, remember David // and all his meekness. *(Psalm 131:1)*

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Behold, we heard of her in Ephratha: // we found her in the plains of the thicket. *(Psalm 131:6)*

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Glorified things were spoken about you, // O City of God! *(Psalm 86:2)*

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

God in her midst, and she will not be shaken; // God will help her toward the morning in the morning. *(Psalm 45:5)*

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord swore truth to David // and will not, will not set it at naught. *(Psalm 131:11)*

O Son of God, who are wondrous in your saints, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!

From the fruit of your belly // I will set upon your throne. *(Psalm 131:11)*

O Son of God, who are wondrous in your saints, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!

There I will make a horn rise for David: // I have prepared a lamp for my christ. *(Psalm 131:18)*

O Son of God, who are wondrous in your saints, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!

For the Lord has elected Sion, // had chosen her as a dwelling for himself. *(Psalm 131:13)*

O Son of God, who are wondrous in your saints, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

This is my resting to age of age, here I will dwell, for I have chosen her. *(Psalm 131:15)*

Tone 4 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.

The Most High sanctified his tabernacle. *(Psalm 45:4)*

Your nativity, O Virgin,...

Holy is your temple, wonderous in righteousness. *(Psalm 64:5)*

Your nativity, O Virgin,...

LITTLE ENTRANCE

Priest: Wisdom! Upright!

Response: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, through the prayers of the Mother of God, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 4 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 4 You offered your life as a holy gift, O righteous Theodora, / for resplendent with the light of repentance, you illumined mankind. / Now pray to Christ who has magnified you to grant us his great mercy!

Tone 4 The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

THEOTOKION Tone 4 In your holy Nativity, O Pure One, /Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness;/ Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death./ Your people, delivered from the servitude of errors, also celebrate it as they cry to you:/ The barren one bears the Birthgiver of God and nourisher of our life!

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1:46-47)**

People: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reader: **For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)**

People: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reader: **My soul magnifies the Lord**

People: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading is from the second epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Corinthians (6:11-16)**

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections. Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."**

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the eighth tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. (Psalm 44:10)**

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **Your face the rich of the people will entreat. (Psalm 44:12)**

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (1:23-28)

COMMUNION HYMN

I will take a cup of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
(Psalm 115:4)