

SEPTEMBER 9

SS JOACHIM & ANNA, AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE
BIRTHGIVER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

FIRST ANTIPHON:

Remember David, O Lord, and all his meekness. (Psalm 131:1)

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

We have heard it on Ephrathah; we have found it in the fields of the forest. (Psalm 131:6)

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

Glorious things are spoken of you, O City of God. (Psalm 86:2)

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

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be shaken; God will help her early 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 unto ages of ages.

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

SECOND ANTIPHON:

The Lord has sworn truth to David, and He will not annul it. (Psalm 131:11)

Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

One from the fruit of your loins I will set upon your throne. (Psalm 131:11)

Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

There will I make a horn to spring forth for David, I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed. (Psalm 131:18) **Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.**

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...

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. (Psalm 131:15)

Tone 4 Troparion (*Nativity of the Theotokos*)

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 has sanctified his tabernacle. (Psalm 45:4)

Your nativity, O Virgin,...

Holy is Your temple, wonderful in righteousness. (Psalm 64:5)

Your nativity, O Virgin,...

ENTRANCE HYMN

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

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Tone 1 Since you were righteous under the law of grace, O Joachim and Anna,
you gave birth to the God-given infant for our sake.
Therefore, the divine Church radiantly keeps feast today,
Joyfully celebrating your honorable memory and giving glory to God,//
Who has raised up a horn of salvation from the house of David.

KONTAKION

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

Tone 4 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."

The Prokeimenon in the fourth tone: God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Ps 67/68:35)
v: In Churches bless God, the Lord from the springs of Israel.

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (4:22-27) Brethren: it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. **The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD, and He is their protector in time of affliction.**

(Ps 36/37:39)

v. **The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.** *(Ps 36/37:40)*

THE READING IS FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:16-21)

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God!

Virginity is foreign to mothers;

childbearing is strange for virgins.

But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished.//

Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just. *(Ps 32/33:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!