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NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel Readings

Matthew 22:35-46
Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion for the 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.

Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos

By Your Nativity, O 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!

Prayer Request: His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon requests the prayers of the faithful of the OCA for Metropolitan Theodosius as he draws near to the end of his earthly sojourn. Pray also for his family, and for those caring and ministering to him.



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Festal Divine Liturgy.

Saint Luke Church School 2020-21

The new school year began yesterday with a Saturday Liturgy and one age-group meeting for class. Popadija Kitty will keep families informed on upcoming classes. “O Lord our God, open the hearts and minds of these children, Your servants, that they may understand the knowledge taught to them. Preserve them in the Orthodox Faith and in holiness all the days of their lives, Amen +”

St Luke Sisterhood News

- With regret, the St. Luke Sisterhood announced that it will not hold a Holiday Bake Sale in 2020 due to Covid-19, but hopes to resume the annual event in 2021.
- A Zoom Meeting will be held at 7PM this evening. JoAnne de la Riva sent the link.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 16 – 7PM

Fr. John will email the study notes and Zoom link to all for this week’s discussion on choosing Heaven or Hell as told in “The Great Divorce” by C.S. Lewis.

Divine Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Sunday, September 27

Orthodox Church of St. Matthew - 2020 Annual Icon Raffle

St. Matthew’s is having their annual Icon Raffle with the drawing on November 16. The “Crucifixion of Christ” is 11”x14” in acrylic and gold-leaf, valued at \$400. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Send checks payable to “Orthodox Church of St. Matthew” - memo line “icon raffle” to Orthodox Church of St. Matthew, P.O. Box 2003, Columbia, MD 21045 with Attention: DR.