DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024 TONE 1 / EOTHINON 4; FOREFEAST OF & SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST (THE GENEALOGY)

GREAT-MARTYR ANASTASIA THE DELIVERER FROM POTIONS AND HER TEACHER THE MARTYR CHRYSOGONOS

• During the Little Entrance, chant the Resurrectional Apolytikion. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." After the Little Entrance, chant the hymns in the following order:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

(**Joseph was amazed**)

Be thou ready, Bethlehem, Eden hath opened unto all. * Ephratha, prepare thyself, for now, behold, the Tree of Life * hath blossomed forth in the cave from the holy Virgin. * Her womb hath proved a true spiritual Paradise, * wherein the divine and saving Tree is found, * and as we eat thereof we shall all live, * and shall not die as did Adam. * For Christ is born now to raise the image that had fallen aforetime.

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

أبوليتيكيون القيامة باللحن الأوّل

إِنَّ الحجَرَ لمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ اليَهود، وجسدَكَ الطاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الجُنْدِ، قُمْتَ في اليَوْمِ الثالِثِ أَيُها المُخَلِّصُ، مانِحاً العالَمَ الحياة. لِذلِكَ قُوّاتُ السَّماوات، هتَفُوا إليكَ يا واهِبَ الحياة: المَجْدُ لِقَيامَتِكَ أَيُّها المَسيحُ، المَجْدُ لِمُلْكِكَ، المَجْدُ لِتَدْبيرِك، يا مُحبَّ البَشَر وَحْدَك.

أبوليتيكيون تَقْدِمَةِ عيدِ الميلاد باللحنِ الرابِع

إسْتَعِدِّي يا بَيْتَ لَحْمُ، فَقَدْ فَتِحَتْ عَدْنُ لِلْجَميع، تَهَيَّأَي يا أَفْراتْا، لأَنَّ عودَ الحياةِ قَدْ أَزْهَرَ في المَغارةِ مِنَ البَتول. لأَنَّ بَطْنَهَا قَدْ ظَهَرَ فِرْدَوْساً عَقْلِيّاً، فيهِ الغَرْسُ الإلهيُّ، الذي إذْ نَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ نَحْيا ولا نَموتُ مِثْلَ آدَم. المسيحُ يُولَدُ مُنْهِضاً الصُّورَةَ التي سَقَطَتْ مُنْذُ القَديم.

أبوليتيكيون الأحد الذي قبل عيد الميلاد باللحن الثاني

عَظيمَةٌ هِيَ أَفْعالُ الإيمانِ، لأنَّ الفِتْيَةَ الثلاثَةَ القِدِّيسينَ قَدِ ابْتَهَجُوا في يَنبوعِ اللهيبِ كأنَّهُمْ على ماءِ الرَّاحة، والنَّبِيُّ دانيالُ ظَهرَ راعِياً لِلْسِّباعِ كأنَّهُمْ غَنَم، فَبتَضرَّعهمْ أَيُها المسيحُ الإلهُ خَلِّصْ نُفوسَنا.

• Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

(**The original melody**)

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.

THE EPISTLE (For the Sunday before the Nativity)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:9-10; 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword;

قِنداق تَقْدمَة المِيلاد باللحن الثَالث

اليومَ العَذْراءُ تَأْتي إلى المَغارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الكَلِمَةَ الذي قَبْلَ الدُهُورِ، وِلادَةً لا تُفَسَّرُ ولا يُنْطَقُ بِها، فَافْرَجِي أَيَّتُها الدُهُورِ، وِلادَةً لا تُفسَّرُ ولا يُنْطَقُ بِها، فَافْرَجِي أَيَّتُها المَسْكُونَةُ إذا سَمِعْتِ، ومَجِّدي مَعَ المَلائِكَةِ والرُّعاةِ، الذي سَيَظْهَرُ بِمَشيئتِهِ طِفْلاً جَديداً وهُو إلهنا الذي قَبْلَ الدُّهُور.

الرسالة (للأحد الذي قبل عيد الميلاد)

مُبارَكُ أنتَ يا ربُ الِهَ آبائنا.

لأنكَ عَدْلٌ في كُلِّ ما صنَعْتَ بنَا.
فصلٌ مِنْ رسالةِ القِدّيسِ بولُسَ الرَّسولِ إلى
العِبْرانِيين. (11: 9-10؛ 32-40)

يا إِخْوَةُ، بالإيمانِ نَزَلَ إِبْراهيمُ في أَرْضِ الميعادِ فَرُولَهُ في أَرْضٍ غَريبةٍ، وسَكَنَ في خِيامٍ مَعَ استحق ويَعْقوبَ الوارثيْنِ معَهُ للموْعِدِ بِعَيْنِهِ. لأَنَّهُ انْتَظَرَ المَدينة ذات الأُسُسِ التي الله صانِعُها وباربُها. وماذا أقولُ أَيْضاً؟ إِنَّهُ يَضيقُ بِيَ الوَقْتُ إِنْ أَخْبَرْتُ وماذا أقولُ أَيْضاً؟ إِنَّهُ يَضيقُ بِيَ الوَقْتُ إِنْ أَخْبَرْتُ عَنْ جِدْعَوْنَ، وباراقَ، وشَمْشونَ، ويَقْتاحَ، وداودَ، وصَـموئيلَ، والأنبياءِ، الله المواعِدَ، وسَدُوا أَقُواهَ المَمالِكَ، وعَمَلُوا البرر، ونالُوا المواعِدَ، وسَدُوا أَقُواهَ وتَقَوّوا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وصاروا أَشِدّاءَ في الحَرْبِ، وتَقَوّوا مِنْ ضَعْفٍ، وصاروا أَشِدّاءَ في الحَرْبِ، وكَسَرُوا مُعَسْكَراتِ الأجانِبِ، وأَخَذَتْ نِساءٌ أَمْواتَهُنَّ ولَمْ مَنْ المَروا أَشِدَاءَ في الحَرْبِ، وقيامة والضَّرْبِ، وقيامة والضَّرْبِ، وقَدَر الأَعْضاءِ والضَّرْبِ، ولمَ يُقْبُلُوا على قِيامة أَفْضَل. ولمَ مَنْ والمَدْرَةِ والمَدْرِةِ والْجَلْدَ، والقُيودَ أيضاً والسِّجْنَ. والخَرونَ ذاقوا الهُزْءَ، والجَلْدَ، والقُيودَ أيضاً والسِّجْنَ. وأَخْرونَ ذاقوا الهُزْءَ، والجَلْدَ، والقُيودَ أيضاً والسِّجْنَ. وأَخْرونَ ذاقوا الهُزْءَ، والجَلْدَ، والقُيودَ أيضاً والسِّجْنَ.

they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL (For the Sunday before the Nativity: "The Genealogy")

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and father of Amminadab. Aram the and Amminadab the father of Nahshon. Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of of Hezekiah. and Hezekiah the father Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon. and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the

ورُجِمُوا، ونُشِروا، وامتُجنوا، ومَاتوا بِحَدِّ السَّيفِ، وسَاحُوا في جُلودِ غَنَمٍ ومَعِزٍ، وهُمْ مُعْوَزون مضايقونَ مَجْهودونَ — ولَم يكُنِ العالَمُ مُستَجِقًا لَهُم صَضايقونَ مَجْهودونَ في البَراري، والجِبالِ، والمَغاوِرِ، وكُهوفِ الأرضِ. فَهولاءِ كُلُّهُمْ مَشْهوداً لَهُمْ بالإيمانِ، لَم يَنالُوا المَواعِدَ، لأنَّ الله سَبقَ فَنظَرَ لَنَا شيئاً أفضلَ، أنْ لا يَكْمَلُوا بدونِنا.

الإنجيل (للأَحدِ الذي قَبْل عِيد المِيلاد: أحد النسبة)

فَصْلٌ شَريفٌ مِنْ بِشَارَةِ القِدّيسِ مَتّى الإِنْجيلِيِّ البَشير والتلْميذِ الطاهِر. (1:1-25)

deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son: and he called His Name Jesus.

شَأَلْتِئِيلَ، وشَأَلْتِئِيلُ وَلَدَ زَرُبَّابِلَ. وَزَرُبَّابِلُ وَلَدَ أَبِيهودَ، وأبيهودُ ولدَ ألياقيمَ، وألياقِيمُ وَلَدَ عازورَ. وعازورُ وَلَدَ صادوقَ، وصادوقُ ولدَ أخيمَ، وأخيمُ ولدَ أَلِيهُودَ. وأَلِيهُودُ ولد أَلعازارَ ، وأَلعازارُ ولدَ مَتَّانَ ، ومَتَّانُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوبَ. ويَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يوسُفَ رَجُلَ مريَمَ التي وُلِدَ مِنْها يسوعُ، الذي يُدعَى المَسيح. فَكُلُّ الأجْيالِ مِنْ إِبْراهِيمَ إلى داودَ أَرْبَعَةَ عَشَرَ جيلاً، ومنْ داودَ إلى جَلاءِ بابلَ أربَعَةَ عَشَرَ جيلاً، ومنْ جلاءِ بابلَ إلى المسيح أربَعَةَ عَشَرَ جيلاً. أمَّا مَولدُ يسوعَ المسيح فكانَ هَكَذا. لمَّا خُطِبَتْ مَريمُ أُمُّهُ لِيوسُفَ، وُجدَتْ مِن قَبل أَنْ يَجتَمِعا حُبلَى مِنَ الروح القُدُس. واذ كانَ يوسُفُ رَجُلُها صِدِّيقاً، ولَمْ يُرِدْ أَنْ يُشْهِرَهِا، هَمَّ بتَخلِيَتِها سِرّاً. وفيما هُوَ مُتَفَكِّرٌ في ذِلكَ، إذا بمَلاكِ الرَّبِّ ظَهَرَ لَهُ في الحُلُمِ، قائِلاً: يا يوسُفُ ابنَ داؤدَ، لا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ امْرأتكَ مَريَمَ. فإنَّ المولودَ فِيها إنَّما هُوَ مِنَ الروح القُدُس. وسَتَلِدُ ابناً فَتُسَمِيّهِ يَسوعَ، فَإِنَّهُ هُوَ يُخَلِّصُ شَعِبَهُ مِنْ خَطايَاهُم. وكانَ هذا كُلُّهُ لِيَتمَّ ما قيلَ مِنَ الرَّبِّ بِالنَّبِيِّ القائِلِ: هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْراءَ تَحْبَلُ، وِتَلِدُ ابْناً، ويُدعَى عِمَّانُوئيلَ (الذي تَفسِيرُهُ اللهُ مَعنا). فلمَّا نَهَضَ يوسُفُ مِنَ النوم، صننَعَ كما أَمَرَهُ مَلاكُ الرَّبِ. فأَخَذَ امرَأَتَهُ. ولَمْ يَعرفْها حَتَّى وَلَدَتِ ابنَها البكر ، وسَمَّاهُ بَسوع.

• The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holv Mother; by the might of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of all those who of old have been well-pleasing to God, from Adam down to Joseph the Betrothed, of the prophets and prophetesses, especially of Daniel the prophet and the three holy youths, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

الخَتم

الكاهن: أيها المسيحُ إلهنا الحقيقي، يا مَنْ قامَ من الأموات، بشفاعات أمِّكَ الكُلْبَّة الطِّهارَة والبَربئَة (ة) (فُلان، فُلانة) شَفِيْع(ةٍ) وَحامى(ةٍ) هَذِهِ الرَّعيَّةِ والقدِّيسَيْنِ الصدِّيقَيْنِ جَدّى المسيح الإلهِ، يُواكيمَ وحنَّة؛ وجميع الذينَ أرْضَوا اللهَ مِنْ آدَمَ حَتَّم يوسئفَ خَطيب مَريمَ؛ والأنبياء والنَبيَّات، وخاصَّة تَذَكَارَهُمُ اليَوْم، وجَميع قِدّيسيكَ، ارْجَمنا وخَلَصْنا بما أنَّكَ صالِحٌ ومُحِبٌّ لِلْبَشَرِ.

الكاهن: بِصلَواتِ آبائِنا القِديسينَ، أيُّها الرَّبُّ يَسوعُ المَسيحُ إلهُنا ارحَمْنا وخَلِّصْنا.

Choir: Amen.

الجوق: آمين.

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