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(Please note – Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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The First Antiphon

God, my God, attend to me! Why hast Thou forsaken me? *(Ps. 21:1a)*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Why art Thou so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? *(Ps. 21:1b) (Refrain)*

O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer; and by night, but find no rest. *(Ps. 21:2) (Refrain)*

Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, the praise of Israel. *(Ps. 21:3) (Refrain)*

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

The Second Antiphon

O God, why dost Thou cast us off forever? *(Ps. 73:1a)*

Refrain: O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old! *(Ps. 73:2) (Refrain)*

Remember Mount Zion, where Thou hast dwelt! *(Ps. 73:3b) (Refrain)*

God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. *(Ps. 73:13) (Refrain)*

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… ")

The Third Antiphon

The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! *(Ps. 98:1a)*

Tone 1 Troparion

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! *(Ps. 98:1)*
Troparion of the Feast

The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the people. *(Ps. 98:2)*
Troparion of the Feast

Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court! *(Ps. 98:10)*
Troparion of the Feast

Entrance Verse

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! *(Ps. 98:5)*

Tone 1 Troparion

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Tone 4 Kontakion

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! *(Ps. 98:5)*

The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)

Epistle
Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(1 Corinthians 1:18-24) For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Tone 1
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2)

God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth! (Ps. 73:13)

Gospel

(John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35) Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the

disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

(Instead of “It is truly meet…,” we sing:)

Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untilled, hast brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn

The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. *(Ps. 4:7)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!