

**September 8, 2024**  
**The Nativity of the Theotokos**  
**The Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross**

**First Antiphon**

Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. Lo, we have heard it at Ephratha. We have found it in the plains of the wood.

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God shall help her right early in the morning.  
*(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father... *(Refrain)*

**Second Antiphon**

The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not annul it. Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.

*Refrain:* Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

There will I make to spring forth a horn for David. I have prepared a lamp for My Christ. *(Refrain)*

For the Lord hath elected Zion; He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... Only begotten Son and Word of God...

**Third Antiphon (Tone 2)**

Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness. *(then sing the Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos)*

**The Entrance**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

**Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)**

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

**Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)**

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

**Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)**

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

**The Prokeimenon**

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.  
To Thee, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

**Epistle**

**Galatians 6:11-18**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

**Holy Gospel**

**John 3:13-17**

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal

life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

**Megalynarion of the Feast (Tone 8)**

*Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin Mary, born of a barren womb. Verily, virginity, O Theotokos, is impossible for a mother, as birth-giving is impossible for virgins. Yet in thee hath the dispensation of both been accomplished. Wherefore, all we families of the earth do ceaselessly bless thee.*

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**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh/Pr Vicki Kontogiorgis

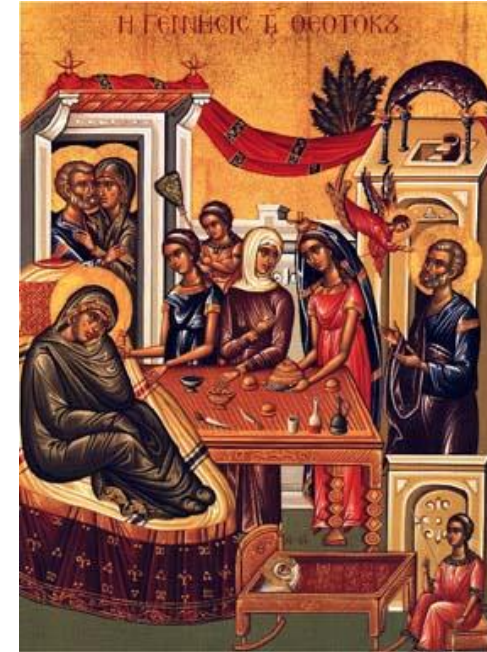
**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

**Departed:** Christina

**Know your faith.** The parents of the Theotokos are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The word “Theotokos” means \_\_\_\_\_. What term do we use to describe a saint who prays for us? \_\_\_\_\_. The first feast of the “new year” is \_\_\_\_\_. The last feast of the liturgical year is \_\_\_\_\_. In John 14:2 Jesus said “In my Father’s house are many \_\_\_\_\_... I go to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.” To whom did Jesus talk about being “born again”? \_\_\_\_\_. What does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_.

How does this happen in the Church? \_\_\_\_\_. What miracle did Jesus perform in John 2? \_\_\_\_\_. The disciples were in two major storms while traveling by boat. What was Jesus doing during each storm? In *Luke 8*: \_\_\_\_\_. In *Matthew 14*: \_\_\_\_\_. In Matthew 17 the disciples tried, but failed, to cast out a demon from a boy. Jesus later told them why they failed-- \_\_\_\_\_. He told them that this demon cannot be cast out except by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Today we honor Kh Meleah Palke** for her many years of service to St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church. She has served our parish by helping set up the church, preparing social hours, reading Psalms prior to Divine Liturgy, baking holy bread, and assisting Fr Tom in many ways. Our church has been blessed by her faithful service. Tomorrow we celebrate her birthday. May God grant her many years.



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