Order of the Divine Liturgy

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Commemoration of: St. Sophronios, Bishop of Iberia

September 8, 2012

APOLYTIKIA

Your Birth *(Hymn of the Feast)* Tone 4 (*as the Priest exits with the Gospel*)

Your birth, O Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world, for from you dawned the sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Freeing us from the curse, He gave us His blessings abolishing death, He granted us eternal life.

Your Birth Tone 4 *(as the Priest re-enters the Alter)*

(above)

Having seen in the Sky *(Hymn of the Church)* Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.

KONTAKION *(relating to the Season or Feast)*

In Your Holy Birth Tone 7

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying out: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

EPISTLE
Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL
Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

UPCOMING SERVICES

Please note upcoming services on your calendar:

October 13 – Feast of the Icon of the Theotokos of Iveron

November 3 – 7th Saturday of Luke

December 1 – 11th Saturday of Luke

Bread: A Spiritual Problem

We should compare our spending on luxuries with the extent of our concern for the plight of millions of hungry people in our world. As Nicholas Berdyaev said, "Bread for myself is a material problem; bread for the other people is a spiritual problem."

FROM THE FATHERS

We should always say the Jesus prayer wherever we are; not just in the morning or at night. When we walk, we should not waste our free time, but instead take advantage of it and repeat the prayer. When we are working in a busy place and it is difficult for us to concentrate on praying, we can quietly chant without disturbing others.

Elder Paisios the Athonite

When you go out after prayer, keep your tongue under restraint, for it is well capable of dissipating, in a very short time, what you labored to gather together.

St. John Climacus

Interested in Baking Prosphoro?

It is considered a great honor, privilege and blessing for Orthodox families to offer the Prosphoro for Holy Communion. If you would like to do so or wish to learn to bake it, please speak with Andrea Yepez or Fr. John (521- 7220).