



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church
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Sunday, February 23, 2020
Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meat Fare)

*Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna; Venerable Gorgonia, sister of Gregory the Theologian;
Venerable Zebinas, Polychronios, Moses and Damian near Cyrrhus in Syria;
Venerable Damian of Esphigmenou monastery on Mount Athos*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (Spiral Book Page 114) - *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.*

APOLYTIKION TO ST. MOSES THE BLACK - *Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, you were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Moses. You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!*

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE - *When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.*

THE EPISTLE

The Lord is my strength and my praise.

The Lord chastising hath chastised me, but He hath not delivered me over to death.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - No Wednesday Vespers
Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 1, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy
Sunday, March 1, 2020 - 7:00 PM - Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, March 2, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Tuesday, March 3, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, March 5, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Friday, March 6, 2020 - 8:00 AM - Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 6, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, March 7, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Soul Saturday Liturgy

Saturday, March 7, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 8, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 9, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 13, 2020 - 8:00 AM - Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 13, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Soul Saturday Liturgy

Saturday, March 14, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 15, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

We are looking for parishioners to participate in evening programs for mission trips during the first two weeks of July 2020.

SAVE THE DATE - St. Moses the Black Brotherhood Conference in Pittsburgh hosted by our parish - October 8 - 11, 2020

PRAYER LIST - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at Kristina.nicole@me.com or via text or call at 724.493.7213 to add living or departed names to the prayer list.

LIVING— Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest Elias, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Kh. Vanessa, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Parishioners of St. George, Deacon Martin, Shimashee Melinda, Majesta, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Seminarian Paul, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, David, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Linda & Family, Amera, Adam, Moses, Ramey, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Victoria, Tyra, Lamar, Gabriel, Maurice, Nicole, Gladys, Antoine, Simon, Carletta, Emma, Deborah, Marianne, James, Haleigh, Mikayla, Cathy, Kathleen, Daniel, Rocco, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, David, Esther, Juliana, Mary, Frank, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Fidelia, Katherine, Kammy, Leroy, Solomon, Paulous, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Elizabeth, John, Tanya, Brad, Owen, Arthur, Samuel, Karen & Family, Gabby, Joel, Ashley, Dave, Elise, Austin, Justin, Susan, Chris, Robin, Serena, Chris, Brian, Catherine, Anna-Brita
DEPARTED — Archpriest Patrick, Thomas, Alexandra, William, Tarsha, Mary Ellen, Katilin, Mildred

CONFESSIONS and HOUSE BLESSINGS By Appointment - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy by calling at 412.254.6281 to schedule confession or a meeting.

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