



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church
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Sunday, February 9, 2020
Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican &
Leave-taking of the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

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

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore, God hath blessed thee forever. (Refrain)

Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee. (Refrain)

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. (Refrain)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON - *Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation.*

During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Presentation of Christ. Then, the following:

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) - *The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.*

After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE (Spiral Book Page 110) - *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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE - *Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.*

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE - *Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.*

THE EPISTLE

**My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.**

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

MEGALYNARION OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE THREE - O Theotokos, * thou hope of all Christians; * keep and shelter and preserve * them that set their hope in thee. In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful contemplate a prefiguring: Every male child that openeth the womb is holy unto God. Therefore, do we magnify the first-born Word, the Son of the Father Who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who hath not known wedlock.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT - I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Ministry Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Saturday, February 15, 2020 - 12:00 PM - Baptism of Maria Belle Ferrell (Niece of Fr. Paul and Pres. Kristina)

Saturday, February 15, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 16, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Friday, February 21 - Sunday, February 23, 2020 - YES Trip

Saturday, February 22, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 23, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - No Weekday 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

If you are available to pick up flowers from Trader Joes for the church, please see the sign up sheet on the food table in the back of the church.

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 John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Seminarian Paul, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, 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, Jasmine, Nayla, Royal, Raymond, Emma, Deborah, Marianne, James, Haleigh, Mikayla, Cathy, Kathleen, Daniel, Rocco, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, David, Esther, Juliana, Mary, Frank, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Fidelia, Katherine, Kammy, Leroy, Andrea, Xenia, 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

DEPARTED – Archpriest Patrick, Thomas, Dolores, Alexandra, William, Tarsha, Mary Ellen, Katilin

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

DONATIONS - Please make your offerings as follows: **Checks made payable to St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church.** Donations can be given to Pres. Kristina or Parish Treasurer Amera.

Neighborhood Resilience Project - An effort is being made this month to collect feminine products for the ministry to distribute to those in need. Products can be brought to the ministry through the month of February.