



**St. Moses the Black
Orthodox Church**

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Fourth Sunday of Great Lent - The Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel
Stephen the Confessor, Abbot of Triglia

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT (Blue books page 6.8) - *From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.*

APOLYTIKION OF THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL IN TONE FOUR - *Supreme Commander of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee * that by thy supplications thou encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of thine immaterial glory; * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to thee with fervor: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the great marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.*

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 SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (AND AKATHIST SATURDAY) IN TONE EIGHT - *To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.*

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:16-30)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION - *All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 27, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, March 31, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, March 31, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, April 1, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Liturgy
Saturday, April 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 3, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, April 5, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, April 7, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, April 7, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Little Compline with the Canon of the Raising of Lazarus
Saturday, March 25, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
Saturday, March 25, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers for Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 7:00 PM - Bridegroom Matins

****Save the Date - Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village Hosted by our Parish - June 28 - July 2, 2023**

ONION SKINS - Please save and provide your onion skins to Halti Janet for her use to dye red eggs for Pascha.

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

LIVING – Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Metropolitan Onufriy and the People of Ukraine, The People of Tigray, Eritrea and Ethiopia, The people of Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, and Iraq, Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Archpriest Jerome and Family, The Fellowship of the Holy Archangel Michael Monastery, Hieromonk Alexi, Priest John, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Luke, The Seminarian Micah and Family, The Seminarian Kevin, The Seminarian Elias and Olivia, The Seminarian Alexandros, Rachel and Christina, Anthony, Caroline, Melania, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Ashley and Family, Moses, Samuel, Samuel, Andrea, Hanni, Maya and Family, Brooklyn, Arbutus, Sonya, Ben and Trinity, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, Marcia, The Weaver Family, Rhonda, Daniel, Samira, Nisora, Andrea, Chuck, Jane, Photini, Chrissie, Pat & Dave, Eliza, Ella, Anastasia, Paige, Noah, Evan, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Brandon, Amy, John and Family, John, Oxanna, Yeshi, Paulos, Solomon, Dawit, Eyobel, Regat, Surafael, Azaiel, Vladimir, Nikki, Henry, Aujhanay, Scott, Fred, Harry, Yohanna and Elizabeth

DEPARTED - Bishop Ezra, Abba Melese, George, Isaiah, George, Suzanne, Emil, Phyllis

The Memorial today is offered by Halti Janet Khalil for the 40 day memorial of her nephew George.

CONFESSIONS - By Appointment - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy by calling at 412.227.9746 or Pres. Kristina to schedule.

HOUSE BLESSINGS - Please see Pres. Kristina if you still need to be scheduled for your house blessing.

DONATIONS - Please make your offerings as follows: Checks made payable to St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church. Donations can be placed in the donation box in the front of the church.

Donations can be made online on PayPal at -

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=H6PGMWDTQABFQ or by following the QR code -



****Starting in 2023 - donations will be acknowledged by a year end contribution statement in early 2024. If you need something different, please email Pres. Kristina at kristina.nicole@me.com.**

SACRED SPACE MINISTRY - Susan will be building a team to care for the sacred space - both in cleaning and decorating. She will be approaching people to join and if you would like to join, please see her.

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF - You can donate online at Antiochian.org/earthquake.

CELEBRATIONS - Bisrat (Name's Day - March 25)
