



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church

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December 11, 2022
Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ Venerable
Daniel the Stylite; Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE - *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 FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO - *Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.*

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 OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE - *On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.*

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 2:15 PM - Heinz Chapel Choir Concert - Let Pres. Kristina know if you'd like to join (we have a few extra tickets)

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 - No Weekday Vespers

Saturday, December 17, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 18, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Friday, December 23, 2022 - 9:00 AM - Royal Hours of Nativity

Friday, December 24, 2021 - 7:00 PM - Matins for the Nativity of our Lord

Friday, December 24, 2021 - 8:00 PM - Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord with Fellowship and Meal to follow

Sunday, December 25 - Blessed Nativity - No Services

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 - No Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 - No Weekday Vespers

Saturday, December 31, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 1, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

A Few Points of Note

1. If you are able to provide a meal for the Wolfe Family, please contact Pres. Kristina. Henry is making good progress.
2. Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village Hosted by our Parish - June 28 - July 2, 2023
 1. We need an additional Co-Chair for the Parish Life Conference if you are interested, please see David.

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, Holy Archangel Michael Monastery, Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Archpriest Jerome and Family, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, Mother Katherine, 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, Julitta, Ashley and Family, Laura, David, Jerrel, Moses, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Hanni, George, Arbutus, Michael, Maria, Ana, Molli, Eliza, Tobiah, Chelsea and Ryan, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, Rose, Chrissie, Pat & Dave, Nick and Family, Eliza, Ella, Anastasia, Paige, Noah, Evan, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Amy, John and Family, Bob, Samuel, Andrea, John, Oxanna, Vasily, Lorraine, Yeshi, Robert and Cheryl, Nikki, Blake, Henry, Lance, Andronicus and the Wolfe Family, Terri, Bernadette and Rob, Aujhanay, Solomon, Dawit, Eyobel, Jeff and Shelly, Amysia

DEPARTED - Dale, Gabby, Essa, Jameelee, Eddie, Emily, Brahim, Shama, Marie, Helani, Mkhabe, George, Sunny, Abraham, Dan
The memorial is offered today for the one year memorial of Dale Hall.

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

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