



## St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church

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*A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America*

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**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, Pious Joseph of Arimathaea & Righteous Nicodemus**

### THE FIRST ANTIPHON

*Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.*

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

*Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (Refrain)*

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

### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

*May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.*

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

*That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. (Refrain)*

*May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (Refrain)*

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

### THE THIRD ANTIPHON -

*Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.*

**Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!**

*As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (Refrain)*

*So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (Refrain)*

*This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (Refrain)*

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA** - *In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO** - *When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.*

**APOLYTIKION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA IN TONE TWO** - *The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting to the world Great Mercy.*

**APOLYTIKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO** - *Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh-oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting to the world 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 OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT** - *O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.*

#### **THE EPISTLE**

**The Lord is my strength and my song. With chastisement has the Lord chastened me.**

**The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (6:1-7)**

*In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said: "It is not right that we should forsake the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. And we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Próchoros, and Nikánor, and Timon, and Parmenás, and Nikólaos a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

#### **THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)**

*At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back – it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen; He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

**MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE** - *The Angel cried unto her that is full of grace: O pure Virgin, rejoice, and again I say, rejoice; for thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day. Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.*

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#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - No Liturgy**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Vespers**

**Saturday, May 6, 2023 - No Vespers**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy with Fr. Chris Shadid**

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - No Liturgy**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023 - No Vespers**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**

**Sunday, May 14, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy**

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

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**PRAYER LIST** - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at [Kristina.nicole@me.com](mailto: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, Lorraine, Marcia, The Weaver Family, Rhonda, Daniel, Samira, Nisora, Agnes, 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, Chris, John and Antonio

**DEPARTED** - Newly Departed Jim, Meheret, Tekie

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**CONFESSIONS** - 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.

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**DONATIONS** - Please make your offerings as follows:

1. Checks made payable to St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church. Donations can be placed in the donation box in the front of the church.
2. Donations can be made online on PayPal at - [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=H6PGMWDTQABFQ](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](mailto:kristina.nicole@me.com).**

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**SACRED SPACE MINISTRY** - Thank you to everyone who helped clean and prepare the church for Pascha.

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**PARISH SUPPORT** -

1. **Chris and Mom** - Please use the sign up genius to sign up to provide meals for Chris and his mom - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4ba4af2ea2fb6-bring#>.

2. **Kenya** - Thank you to everyone who brought things for him!

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**CELEBRATIONS** - Ryan (Birthday - May 1)