



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church

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Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ & Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, the Wonderworker
John, metropolitan of Zichnon; Hieromartyr Alexander, archbishop of Jerusalem

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

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 OF ST. SPYRIDON IN TONE ONE - *Thou wast shown forth as a champion of the First Council and a wonderworker, O Spyridon, our God-bearing Father. Wherefore, thou didst speak unto one dead in the grave, and didst change a serpent to gold. And while chanting thy holy prayers, thou hadst Angels serving with thee, O most sacred one. Glory to Him that hath glorified thee. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.*

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

The saints shall boast in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light—for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth—proving what is acceptable to the Lord; and have no communion with the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them; for it is a shame even to speak of the things which they do in secret. But all things when they are exposed are made manifest by the light, for everything that is made manifest is light. Therefore, he says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon thee." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and chanting in your heart to the Lord.

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 - 2022 calendars are available!

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Week Day Liturgy

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers

Saturday, December 18, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 19, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Week Day Liturgy

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers

Friday, December 24, 2021 - 9:00 AM - Royal Hours

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 - Meal to Follow

Saturday, December 25, 2021 - No Vespers

Sunday, December 26, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 - No Liturgy

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, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Kh. Vanessa, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Priest Martin, Kh. Melinda, Majesta, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Justin, Cristopher, Priest Dimitri, Pres. Beth, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Paul, The Seminarian Igiri, The Seminarian Alexandros, Rachel, Caroline, Melania, Katie, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, Moses Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Amera, Adam, Moses, Hanni, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Ron, Arbutus, Elizabeth, Chelsea and Ryan, Alex, Maria, Holguin Family, Connor Family, Pani Kathy, Donna, Tracey, Diane, Carletta, Tyra, Gabriel, Adrienne, Antoine, Rhonda, Norma, Simon, Marcia, Geoffrey, Shanena, Daniel, Emma, Deborah, Gus, Marianne, James, Cathy, Daniel, James, Angela, John, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Nikola, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Wayne, Samuel, Karen & Family, Marilyn, David, Jeanne, Gabby, Ashley & Family, Nicole, Jason, Kyle, Noah, Jim and Robin, Bob, Patrick and Ashley, Tony and Kay, Jill, Warren, Josh, Mara, Jubilee, Judah, Jason, Sara, Jason, Jeremy, Kristina, Kimberly, Jenny, John, Oxanna, Vasily, Lorraine, Willie Jean, Yeshi, Abel, Abeba and Family, Isaias, Samuel, Anthony, Tsige, Yoseph, Sharon and Family, Nashwa Family, Thomas, Maher, Marion, Nezla, Maria, Jennifer, Michael and Family, Laray, Carmen, Peggy and Justin, Mary and John, Charles and Diane, Lisa, Dorcas, Fred, Sarah and Michael, Ellis, Deborah, Sandra, Cindi and Family, Robert and Cheryl

DEPARTED - Christopher, William, David, Debbie, Doug, Joseph, Orazio

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 placed in the donation box in the front of the church.

INFORMATION CARDS - Please feel free to take and fill out an information card by the candles to express a need you have or a talent that you wish to share with the Parish Council.

LIGHT BEARERS - If you would like to join the Light Bearers Committee to help people feel welcome in the church - providing a book, an information card and showing them a seat, please see Judy or Mom Denise.

DRIVERS - If you are willing to be on the rotation to give rides to parishioners to and from church, please see Michael Sider-Rose.
