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**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

**After-feast of & Sunday after the Nativity of Christ**  
**Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and King, and**  
**James the brother of God**

**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

*I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Thy wonders. In the council of the upright, and in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord.*

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

*They are sought out in all the things that He hath willed. Confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. (Refrain)*

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

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

*Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth. The generation of the upright shall be blessed.*

**Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

*Glory and riches shall be in his house, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. (Refrain)*

*There hath risen up in darkness a light for the upright; he is merciful and compassionate and righteous. (Refrain)*

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

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON** *The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. The Lord shall send Thee a rod of strength out of Zion. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of Thy saints.*

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS** *Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE (Spiral Book page 114)** - *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.*

**APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR** - *Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.*

**APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO** - *Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to 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 THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE** - *On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; \* to the Unapproachable, \* the earth doth offer a small cave; \* Angels join in choir with shepherds \* in giving glory; \* with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; \* for our sakes is born a young Child, \* He Who existed \* before the ages as God.*

## THE EPISTLE

**God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.**

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)**

*Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.*

## THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:13-23)**

*When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."*

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### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - 6:00 PM** - Vespers Divine Liturgy for the New Year

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020** - No Weekday Vespers

**Saturday, January 4, 2020 - 11:00 AM** - Meeting for Moving - **6:00 PM** - Great Vespers

**Sunday, January 5, 2020 - 9:30 AM** - Matins and Divine Liturgy - Celebration of Theophany

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020 - 6:00 PM** - Weekday Vespers

**Bishop THOMAS will be visiting our parish the weekend of January 25-26, 2020. On Saturday January 25, 2020, Bishop THOMAS will bless the building for the Neighborhood Resilience Project at a morning Liturgy.**

**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**

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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 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, Archpriest Patrick, Kh. Vanessa, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Parishioners of St. George, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, Thomas, 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

**DEPARTED** — Dolores, Alexandra, William, Tarsha, Mary Ellen, Katilin

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

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**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.