



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church

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February 12, 2023 Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Meletios, archbishop of Antioch; New-martyr Christos of Constantinople

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO (Blue book page 6.2) - *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. • Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

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 THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE - *Foolishly I sprang away * from Thy great fatherly glory, * and dispersed in wicked deeds * the riches that Thou didst give me. * With the Prodigal I therefore * cry unto Thee now: * I have sinned against Thee, O compassionate Father. * But receive me in repentance; * make me as one of * Thy hired servants, O Lord.*

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the authority of anything. Foods are for the belly, and the belly for foods; but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body; and God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise us up through His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? God forbid! Or, do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For, "The two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but whoever commits fornication sins against his own body. Or, do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have received from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my

father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Saturday, February 18, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Saturday of Souls

Saturday, February 18, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 19, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Saturday, February 25, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 26, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Sunday, February 26, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Forgiveness Vespers

Monday, February 27, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Prescantified Liturgy

Thursday, March 2, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline

Friday, March 3, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Prescantified Liturgy

Friday, March 3, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline

Saturday, March 4, 2023 - NO SERVICES

Sunday, March 5, 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**

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, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, Mother Katherine, Kh. Hana, 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, Nathan, Brooklyn, Hanni, Maya and Family, Brooklyn, Arbutus, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, The Weaver Family, Rhonda, Daniel, Adrienne, Dorothy, Samira, Andrea, Officer Chuck, Photini, Chrissie, Pat & Dave, Nick and Family, 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, Vladimir, Nikki, Henry, Aujhanay, Scott, Fred

DEPARTED - George, Safwat, Kristin Sarah, James, Jose, Sam, Officer Sean, Suzanne

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

House Blessings - Please see the sheet on the back table to indicate you would like to be scheduled for a house blessing. Norma from Neighborhood Resilience Project will be in touch with you to schedule.

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.

SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF - Please see the attached letter from Metropolitan Antionios on the relief efforts for the Syrian People affected by the Earthquake. Online donations up to \$150,000 will be matched by generous, anonymous donors for earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey, now through Tuesday, February 14 - donations at Antiochian.org/earthquake.