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## **St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church**

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

### **Forefeast of & Sunday before Theophany of Christ**

*Sylvester, pope of Rome; Cosmas the wonderworker, archbishop of Constantinople; Repose of Venerable Seraphim of Sarov*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE** - *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 FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR** - *Be thou ready, Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. \* River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive \* the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. \* O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; \* hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. \* Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now \* to clothe you in the first robe again. \* Christ hath appeared, for He truly willeth to renew all creation.*

**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 FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR** - *In the running waters of \* the Jordan River, \* on this day the Lord of all \* crieth to John: Be not afraid \* and hesitate not to baptize Me, \* for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man.*

#### **THE EPISTLE**

**O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.**

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:5-8)**

*Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

#### **THE GOSPEL**

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)**

*The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

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**UPCOMING SCHEDULE - 2022 calendars are available!**

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany**

**Saturday, January 8, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**

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

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Vespers**

**Saturday, January 15, 2022 - NO VESPERS**

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy**

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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, 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 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, Robert and Cheryl, Jeff and Shelley, Nikki, Cindi and Bob, Victoria, Judy, Scott, Justin, Ethan, Tom and Judy

**DEPARTED** - Archpriest Patrick, The Newly Departed Moses, Essa, Resa Romani, Christopher, William, Orazio, Tarra, Frank

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

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**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.

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