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Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica; Martyrs Philetos the senator, his wife Lydia of Rome and those with them; Paul, bishop of Corinth

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, has been signed upon us. Thou hast given to those that fear thee a sign, to flee from the bow.

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

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive. Thou hast given an inheritance to those that fear Thy Name, O Lord. (Refrain)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood.

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

God is our King before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Refrain)

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth. (Refrain)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON - Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Feed them, and lift them up forever.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE - O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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 SEVEN (Blue Book Page 6.7) - Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE - O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

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 SUNDAYS IN GREAT LENT (AND AKATHIST SATURDAY) IN TONE EIGHT - *To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.*

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

*Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. (THRICE)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.
And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.
With Strength!
Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.*

THE EPISTLE

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a great High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION - *All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace: the angelic hosts and the race of men. O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God who is before all the ages; for he made thy womb a throne, and thy body more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoiceth in thee, O thou who art full of grace. Glory to thee.*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE -

Monday, March 28, 2022 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 30, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 1, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 1, 2022 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, April 2, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Saturday Liturgy
Saturday, April 2, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, April 3, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 4, 2022 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy
Friday, April 8, 2022 - 9:00 AM - Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy - **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!**
Friday, April 8, 2022 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, April 9, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Saturday Liturgy
Saturday, April 9, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, April 10, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine 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, Metropolitan Onufriy and the People of Ukraine, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Kh. Vanessa, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, 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, Despina and her unborn child, Katie, Rachel and her unborn child, Kyra Chris and John, Caroline, Melania, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Natalie, Amera, Adam, Moses, Hanni, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Ron, Arbutus, Elizabeth, Chelsea and Ryan, Alex, Maria, Holquin Family, Connor Family, Pani Kathy, Donna, Tracey, Diane, Carletta, Tyra, Gabriel, Adrienne, Antoine, Rhonda, Norma, Simon, Marcia, Terri, Geoffrey, Daniel, Emma, Deborah, Gus, Marianne, James, Cathy, Daniel, James, Angela, John, Rose, Chrissie, Pat, Theodora, Troy, Ephraim, Paisios, 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, Samuel, Karen & Family, 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, Yeshi, Abel, Abeba and Family, Isaias, Samuel, Anthony, Tsige, Yoseph, Deborah, Sandra, Robert and Cheryl, Nikki, Cindi and Bob, Victoria, Judy, Richard, Nick, Maria and Ava, Blake, Nicholas, Joanne, Nicole and Abby

DEPARTED - Moses, Willie Joe, Russ, Frank, Basil, Jane, Carla, Lito, Keleta, Robert

CONFESSIONS - By Appointment - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy by calling at 412.254.6281 or Pres. Kristina to schedule confession or house blessing.

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.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN'S MONTH - Letters (From Metropolitan JOSEPH and the Antiochian Women) and Scholarship Information available on the back table.
