



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church
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Sunday, July 16, 2017 – Sunday of the Holy Fathers of Fourth Ecumenical Council

*Hieromartyr Athenogenes, bishop of Herakleopolis, and his ten disciples;
the 15,000 martyrs of Pisidia who believed in Christ through St. Marina*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

- Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 16th – Parish Meeting

Officers – Please have your reports ready.
Sacred Music – David Anderson & Susan Rice
Youth Ministry – Brandon Bailey & Katrina Bitar
Pastoral Care – George Langan
Congregational Care – Holly Lassila
Communications – Chris Vacarello
Secretary – Pres. Kristina
Hospitality Director – Katherine Miller

July 22nd – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

July 23rd – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

July 29th – 1:00 PM – FAMILY DAY (NO GREAT VESPER)

July 30th – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy

August 1st – Dormition Fast Begins

August 5th – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

August 6th – 9:30 AM – Matins and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Transfiguration

PRAYER LIST - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at Kristina.nicole@me.com or via text or call at 724.493.7213 to add living or departed names to the prayer list.

LIVING– Patriarch John, Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Elias, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Archpriest Patrick, Kh. Vanessa, Archpriest Joseph, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Hiromonk Michael, The Sisterhood of St. Nina Monastery, The Sisterhood of Pandanassa Monastery, The Sisterhood of St. Elias Monastery, Gregory, Justin, Christopher, Joseph, Rebecca, Rodger, Joyce, Sister Janice, The Painter Family, The Boozer Family, The Wells Family, The Horne Family, The Focus Family, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Ashley, Carmen, Timothy, Marcella, Cassie, George, Eva, The Elderkin Family, Billy, Daniel, Leisa, Kane, Beverly, Jace and Family, Ericka, Ryder, John, Jeff, Emery

DEPARTED – Kh. Stephanie, Archpriest John, Kh. Joanne, Monica, Andre, Joey

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

DONATIONS

Please make your offerings to St. Moses the Black as follows: Checks made payable to St. George Orthodox Church with St. Moses the Black in the memo line. Checks or cash can be either given to Pres. Kristina or mailed to the following address: St. George Orthodox Church, Attn: St. Moses the Black, 610 Dewey Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017.