



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church

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Great-martyr Barbara of Syria & Tenth Sunday of Luke
Venerable John of Damascus

Martyr Juliana; New-hieromartyr Seraphim, bishop of Phanarion in Greece

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT (Blue book page 6.8) - *From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the threeday burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.*

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BARBARA IN TONE EIGHT - *Let us honor Saint Barbara, for she hath broken the snares of the enemy; and like a sparrow, she, the all-modest maiden, was delivered out of them by the help and weapon of the Cross.*

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS IN TONE THREE - *O ye faithful come, let us on this day * laud with praise the sweet-sounding nightingale * that adorned and captivated the Church of Christ * with his sweet songs and tuneful, heav'nly hymns, * he is the all-wise and eloquent John Damascene, * the utmost chief of hymnographers, and a man of God * who was filled with every earthly and divine wisdom.*

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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE - *On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is 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. (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on

the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, December 5, 2022 - 5:00 PM - St. Nicholas Day Celebration in the Evening

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - No Weekday Vespers

Saturday, December 10, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 2:15 PM - Heinz Chapel Choir Concert - Let Pres. Kristina know if you'd like to join (we have a few extra tickets)

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 - No Weekday Vespers

Saturday, December 17, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 18, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

A Few Points of Note

1. If you are able to provide a meal for the Wolfe Family, please contact Pres. Kristina. Henry is making good progress.
 2. Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village Hosted by our Parish - June 28 - July 2, 2023
 1. **We need an additional Co-Chair for the Parish Life Conference if you are interested, please see David.**
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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, Holy Archangel Michael Monastery, Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Archpriest Jerome and Family, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, All of the Fellowship of St. Moses the Black Conference Attendees and Members, 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, Julitta, Ashley and Family, Laura, David, Jerrel, Moses, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Hanni, George, Arbutus, Michael, Maria, Ana, Molli, Eliza, Tobiah, Chelsea and Ryan, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, Rose, Chrissie, Pat & Dave, Nick and Family, Eliza, Ella, Anastasia, Paige, Noah, Evan, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Amy, John and Family, Samuel, Andrea, John, Oxanna, Vasily, Lorraine, Yeshi, Robert and Cheryl, Nikki, Blake, Henry, Lance, Andronicus and the Wolfe Family, Terri, Bernadette and Rob, Aujhanay, Solomon, Dawit, Eyobel, Jeff and Shelly, Amysia

DEPARTED - Gabby, Essa, Jameelee, Eddie, Emily, Brahim, Shama, Marie, Helani, Mkhabe, George, Sunny, Abraham, Dan
The memorial is offered today by Hali Janet Khalil for Essa, Jameelee, Eddie, Emily, Brahim, Shama, Marie, Helani, Mkhabe

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

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