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First Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

Hieromartyr Konon of Isauria; Martyrs Archelaos and his 152 companions in Egypt

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

The Lord is King, and hath clothed Himself with majesty. The Lord is robed; He is girded with strength. For He has established the world so that it shall never be moved.

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

Who shall tell of the mighty acts of the Lord? Who shall make all of His praises to be heard? Let the redeemed by the Lord say so, whom He has delivered from the hand of the enemy. (Refrain)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Let them acknowledge the Lord for His mercies, and for His wondrous works for the sons of men.

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

Let them exalt Him in the church of the faithful, and in the assembly of the presbyters. (Refrain)

The eyes of the Lord are upon those that fear Him, upon those that hope in His mercy; to hear the mourning of those in captivity, and to loose the sons of those appointed to death. (Refrain)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON - *Let the heavens and the earth praise Him. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord my God, I will acknowledge Thee forever.*

APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO - *Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.*

“O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...”

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE (Blue book page 6.5) - *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.*

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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 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 the Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the recompense of reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Sampson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and all the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection, and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 6, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, March 10, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, March 10, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, March 11, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Liturgy
Saturday, March 11, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 12, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 13, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, March 17, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Prescantified Liturgy
Friday, March 17, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, March 18, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Liturgy
Saturday, March 18, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 19, 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, 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, Donna, Hanni, Maya and Family, Brooklyn, Arbutus, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, The Weaver Family, Rhonda, Daniel, Samira, Andrea, 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, Noel, Donna, Isaiah, George Mildred, Ernie, Betty, 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 Pres. Kristina if you still need to be scheduled for your house blessing.

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