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Sunday, April 7, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Great Lent
Commemoration of John Climacus, Author of "The Ladder"
Martyr Kalliopios of Cilicia; Venerable George, bishop of Mitylene; repose of Tikhon, patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR (Spiral Book Page 116) - *Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.*

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE EIGHT - *The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father John Climacus, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.*

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 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

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything

but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION - *In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic 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 He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, April 8, 2019 - 4:30 PM - Compline

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 - 6:30 PM - Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, April 12, 2019 - Akathist at the Antiochian Village with Metropolitan JOSEPH beginning at 7:15 pm

Saturday, April 13, 2019 - 9:30 AM - Soul Saturday Liturgy

Saturday, April 13, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 15, 2019 - 4:30 PM - Compline

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 - 4:30 PM - Community Dinner Sponsored by St. Moses Parishioners

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 - 6:30 PM - Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, April 18, 2019 - 5:00 PM - Service for Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, April 13, 2019 - 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday followed by Community Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy for Palm Sunday

***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— Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest Elias, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Archpriest Patrick, Kh. Vanessa, Hieromonk Michael, Deacon John, Deacon Joseph, Shimasee Rebecca, Unborn Child, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Parishioners of St. George, The Seminarian Paul, Emmanuel, Melissa, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, The Focus Family, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Ashley, Marcella, Peter, Julita, John, Akxanna, Nicholas, Stephen, David, Jerrel, Nathan, Brooklin, Dylan, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Amera, Adam, Moses, Ramey, Victoria, Tyra, Lamar, Bisrat, James, Maurice, Michael, Emma, Deborah, Marianne, James, Haleigh, Cathy, Kathleen, Daniel, Rocco, Diane, Isiah, Jaquaghn, Jay, Ryan, Sincere, Bleu, Angelo, April, Paul, Dawaan, Jayden, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, David, Esther, Juliana, Mary, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Fidelia, Rhonda, Jonathan, Jaden, Qradin, William, Joseph, Jacqueline, Diane, Alexander, Major, Barry, Linda, Lydia, Kristin, Katherine, Kammy, Andrea, Gavin, Wesley, Ron, Xenia, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Paul, Tyrone, Da'Niyah, Royal, Raymond, Florence, Kala, Kamiyah, Khristian, Khyian, Jasmine, Jahan & Newborn, Seth

DEPARTED — Kh. Stephanie, Kh. Joanne, M. Victoria, John, Ed, Lucille, Oveniause, Marvin, Tatiana, Debbie, John, Stephanos, Delores

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

*****DONATIONS**

Please make your offerings as follows: **Checks made payable to St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church.** Donations can be given to Pres. Kristina or Parish Treasurer Amera.

******Our Church will be sponsoring the FOCUS Pittsburgh community dinner on April 17th at 4:30 PM. Please see Bisrat to sign up to support the meal. If you have questions, please contact Pres. Kristina at 724.493.7213.**