



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church

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September 11, 2022
Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross
After-feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
Venerable Theodora of Alexandria; Righteous Euphrosynos the Cook

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness. Lo, we have heard it at Ephratha. We have found it in the plains of the wood.

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

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be shaken; God shall help her right early in the morning. (Refrain)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; and He will not annul it. Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.

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

There will I make to spring forth a horn for David. I have prepared a lamp for My Christ. (Refrain)

For the Lord hath elected Zion; He hath chosen her to be a habitation for Himself. (Refrain)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON - *Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle. Holy is Thy temple, wonderful in righteousness*

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR - *Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR (Blue Books - Page 6.4) - *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.*

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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 OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR - *By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.*

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 Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me; for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - No Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Matins and Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Cross

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 - No Vespers

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

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

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

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

Saturday, September 24, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, September 25, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Sunday, September 25, 2022 - 4:00 PM - IOCC Dinner

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Saturday, October 1, 2022 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, October 2, 2022 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy - **Parish Meeting Follows**

SAVE THE DATE

1. IOCC Ukrainian Relief Dinner on September 25, 2022 - Please see Judy if you would like to go.
2. Annual Parish Meeting October 2, 2022 immediately following Divine Liturgy.
3. Fellowship of St. Moses the Black Conference Hosted by our Parish - October 14 - 16, 2022
4. Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village Hosted by our Parish - June 28 - July 2, 2023

Calling Volunteers!

1. Parish Life Conference - We need two co-chairs for this event.
2. Please plan to help out as much as possible for set up and tear down on Thursday, October 13 & Sunday, October 16.

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, Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Luke, The Seminarian Alexandros, Rachel and Christina, Caroline, Melania, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Julitta, Ashley and Family, David, Jerrel, Moses, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Hanni, George, Arbutus, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mollie, Eliza, Tobiah, Chelsea and Ryan, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, Rose, Chrissie, Pat & Dave, The Orthodox Volunteer Corps Core Members, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Samuel, Gabby, Andrea, John, Oxanna, Vasily, Lorraine, Yeshi, Robert and Cheryl, Nikki, Blake, Apostolos, Panayoula, Kim, Sequoia, Kemaya, Henry, Lance, Andronicus and the Wolfe Family, Terri, Bernadette and Rob, Aujhanay

DEPARTED - Archpriest John, Ron, Betty, Essa, George, Eddy, Sunny, Abraham, Sfew, Linda

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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