



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church
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Sunday, November 24, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

After-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos Clement, bishop of Rome; Hieromartyr Peter, bishop of Alexandria; Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philoumenos and Christopher; Martyr Alexander of Corinth

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

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

God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. **(Refrain)**

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

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

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter in thereat. **(Refrain)**

Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. **(Refrain)**

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON - *Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.*

APOLYTIKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR - *Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS - *Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX (Spiral Book page 120) *When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.*

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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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR - *The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.*

THE EPISTLE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. To Thee, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, Who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God—not because of works, lest any man should boast. For, we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 27, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Thursday, November 28, 2019 - 9:30 AM - Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy - Bishop THOMAS will be with us - Meal Following Liturgy

Saturday, November 30, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 1, 2019 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy - Church School Following Communion

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, November 8, 2019 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy - Church School Following Communion

We have tickets to the Heinz Chapel Choir concert on December 8th at 3 pm compliments of Susan! If anyone would like to attend, please see Pres. Kristina

Bishop THOMAS will be visiting our parish the weekend of January 25-26, 2020.

We are looking for parishioners to participate in evening programs for mission trips during the first two weeks of July 2020.

SAVE THE DATE - St. Moses the Black Brotherhood Conference in Pittsburgh hosted by our parish - October 8 - 11, 2020

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, Mother Magadalina, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Parishioners of St. George, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, Subdeacon Seraphim, Anna, Justina, Thomas, The Seminarian Paul, Emmanuel, Melissa, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, The Focus Family, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Amera, Adam, Moses, Ramey, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Victoria, Tyra, Lamar, Bisrat, Maurice, Nicole, Gladys, Jasmine, Nayla, Royal, Raymond, Emma, Deborah, Marianne, James, Haleigh, Cathy, Kathleen, Daniel, Rocco, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, David, Esther, Juliana, Mary, Frank, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Fidelia, Katherine, Kammy, Andrea, Xenia, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Elizabeth, John, Tanya, Brad, Owen, Arthur Jennifer, Tieke, Samuel, Karen & Family, Michael, Nadar, Angela, Emil, Gabby, Joel, Ashley, Dave, Elise, Austin, Justin

DEPARTED – Kh. Stephanie, Kaitlin, Ibrahim, Shama, Eddie, Helani, Makhabar, Dolores, Alexandra

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.

A Note from Bishop Thomas -

THE NATIVITY FAST is divided into two periods: (1) November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil) is observed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with katalysis for wine and olive oil (some also permit fish) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine, and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays, and (2) the period of the Forefeast, December 20th through 24th, when the traditional fasting discipline is observed Monday through Friday, with katalysis for wine and olive oil on Saturday and Sunday. The eve of the feast is a strict fast day; December 25th through January 4th is fast-free.