



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church
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Sunday, June 23, 2019 - First Sunday after Pentecost:

All Saints Sunday Martyr Agrippina of Rome; Hieromartyrs Aristocles the Presbyter, Demetrios the Deacon, and Athanasius the Reader, of Cyprus

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT (Spiral Book Page 124) - *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 ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR - *Thy Church, O Christ God, hath regaled herself in the blood of Thy Martyrs throughout the entire world, as in porphyry and purple. Through them she lifteth her voice crying: Turn with Thy compassion toward Thy people, and grant peace to Thy city, and to our souls the Great Mercy.*

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 ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT - *As first-fruits of our nature to the Planter of created things, * the world presenteth the God-bearing martyred Saints in off'ring unto Thee, O Lord. * Through their earnest entreaties, * keep Thy Church in deep peace and divine tranquility, * through the pure Theotokos, O Thou Who art greatly merciful.*

THE EPISTLE

God is wonderful among His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left

everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundred fold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT - *Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia.*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers

Saturday, June 29, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

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

Sunday, June 30, 2019 - 5:00 PM - Youth Night

Wednesday, July 3, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers

Saturday, July 6, 2019 - NO GREAT VESPERS

Sunday, July 7, 2019 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Monday, July 8, 2019 - 5:30 PM - Orthodox Teen Fellowship Gathering

***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, Newly Born 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, Julitta, John, Akxanna, Nicholas, Stephen, David, Jerrel, Nathan, Brooklin, Dylan, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Amera, Adam, Moses, Ramey, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Victoria, Tyra, Lamar, Bisrat, James, Maurice, Gladys, 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, Frank, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Fidelia, Rhonda, Jonathan, Jaden, Qradin, William, Joseph, Jacqueline, Diane, Alexander, Major, 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, Rob, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Tieke

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

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