



**St. Moses the Black
Orthodox Church**

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Sunday, December 5, 2021

God-bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified Martyr Diogenes;

*Venerable Nektarios of Yagaris Kelli and Philotheos of Karyes on Athos;
Gurios, missionary bishop of Kazan; Venerable Nektarios of Bitol in Bulgaria*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN - *Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.*

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SABBAS THE SANCTIFIED 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 hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Sabbas, 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 OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE *On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God.*

THE EPISTLE (For St. Sabbas the Sanctified)

The saints shall boast in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (5:22-6:2)

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control: against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a person is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore such a one in a spirit of meekness; looking to yourself, lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Week Day Liturgy

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 - NO VESPERS

Saturday, December 11, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 12, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Week Day Liturgy

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers

Saturday, December 18, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 19, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Week Day Liturgy

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers

Friday, December 24, 2021 - 9:00 AM - Royal Hours

Friday, December 24, 2021 - 7:00 PM - Matins for the Nativity of our Lord

Friday, December 24, 2021 - 8:00 PM - Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord - Meal to Follow

Saturday, December 25, 2021 - No Vespers

Sunday, December 26, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

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, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Kh. Vanessa, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Priest Martin, Kh. Melinda, Majesta, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Justin, Cristopher, Priest Dimitri, Pres. Beth, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Paul, The Seminarian Igiri, The Seminarian Alexandros, Rachel, Caroline, Melania, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Lucy, Linda, Amera, Adam, Moses, Hanni, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Ron, Arbutus, Elizabeth, Chelsea and Ryan, Alex, Maria, Holguin Family, Connor Family, Pani Kathy, Donna, Tina, Tracey, Diane, Carletta, Tyra, Gabriel, Adrienne, Antoine, Rhonda, Norma, Simon, Marcia Geoffrey, Daniel, Emma, Deborah, Gus, Marianne, James, Cathy, Daniel, James, Taili, Angela, John, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Nikola, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Wayne, Samuel, Karen & Family, Marilyn, David, Gabby, Ashley & Family, Nicole, Jason, Kyle, Noah, Jim and Robin, Bob, Patrick and Ashley, Gary, Rebecca and her unborn child, Jill, Warren, Josh, Mara, Jubilee, Judah, Jason, Sara, Jason, Jeremy, Kristina, Kimberly, Jenny, John, Oxanna, Vasily, Lorraine, Willie Jean, Yeshi, Abel, Abeba and Family, Isaias, Samuel, Anthony, Tsige, Yoseph, Sharon and Family, Nashwa Family, Thomas, Maher, Marion, Nezla, Maria, Jennifer, Michael and Family, Laray, Carmen, Peggy and Justin, Mary and John, Charles and Diane, Lisa, Dorcas, Fred, Sarah and Michael, Ellis, Deborah, Sandra, Cindi and Family

DEPARTED - Priest Michael, Christopher, David, Vicky, Debbie, Doug, Joseph, Orazio

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 placed in the donation box in the front of the church.

INFORMATION CARDS - Please feel free to take and fill out an information card by the candles to express a need you have or a talent that you wish to share with the Parish Council.

LIGHT BEARERS - If you would like to join the Light Bearers Committee to help people feel welcome in the church - providing a book, an information card and showing them a seat, please see Judy or Mom Denise.

DRIVERS - If you are willing to be on the rotation to give rides to parishioners to and from church, please see Michael Sider-Rose.
