



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church

St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church
A Parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America
Rev. Paul Abernathy, Pastor
412.227.9746 * www.stmosesonthehill.com
info@stmosesonthehill.com

January 1, 2023
Feasts of Circumcision of Christ & Basil the Great
New-martyr Peter of the Peloponnesos

Welcome His Grace Bishop THOMAS.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth. Chant ye unto His name, give glory in praise of Him.

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

Say unto God: How awesome are Thy works! In the multitude of Thy power, shall Thine enemies be proved false unto Thee (Refrain)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice. Sing unto the Lord; chant unto His Name.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast circumcised in the flesh; who sing to Thee. Alleluia

Out of Zion is the magnificence of His comeliness. (Refrain)

Our God is in heaven and on earth; whatsoever He hath willed, He hath done. (Refrain)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON - *I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever. With my mouth will I tell of Thy truth. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity.*

CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE - *Our human form hast Thou taken on Thyself without change, * O greatly-compassionate Master, though being God by nature; * fulfilling the Law, Thou willingly * receivest circumcision in the flesh, * that Thou mightest end the shadow and roll away * the veil of our sinful passions. * Glory be to Thy goodness unto us. * Glory be to Thy compassion. * Glory, O Word, to Thine inexpressible condescension.*

"O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..."

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.*

APOLYTIKION OF CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE - *Our human form hast Thou taken on Thyself without change, * O greatly-compassionate Master, though being God by nature; * fulfilling the Law, Thou willingly * receivest circumcision in the flesh, * that Thou mightest end the shadow and roll away * the veil of our sinful passions. * Glory be to Thy goodness unto us. * Glory be to Thy compassion. * Glory, O Word, to Thine inexpressible condescension.*

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT IN TONE ONE - *Thy sound hath gone forth into all the earth, which hath received thy word. Thereby thou hast divinely taught the Faith; thou hast made manifest the nature of all things that be; thou hast adorned the ways of man. O namesake of the royal priesthood, our righteous Father Basil, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.*

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 CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE - *Now the Lord of all that is * doth undergo circumcision, * in His goodness cutting off * the sins and failings of mortals. * He this day doth give salvation * unto the whole world; * and the hierarch and bright daystar of the Creator * now rejoiceth in the highest, * Basil the wise and * divine initiate of Christ.*

THE EPISTLE

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Hear this, all ye people.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (2:8-12)

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:20-21, 40-52)

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously." And Jesus said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - No Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Thursday, January 5, 2023 - 5:00 PM - Great Vespers for the Feast of Epiphany

Friday, January 6, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Matins and Liturgy for the Feast of Epiphany

Saturday, January 7, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 8, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Saturday, January 14, 2023 - No Vespers

Sunday, January 15, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 7:30 AM - Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Weekday Vespers

Saturday, January 21, 2023 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 22, 2023 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Save the Date - Parish Life Conference at the Antiochian Village Hosted by our Parish - June 28 - July 2, 2023

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, The People of Tigray, Eritrea and Ethiopia, The people of Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, and Iraq, Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Archpriest Jerome and Family, The Fellowship of the Holy Archangel Michael Monastery, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, Mother Katherine, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Luke, The Seminarian Micah and Family, The Seminarian Kevin, The Seminarian Elias and Olivia, The Seminarian Alexandros, Rachel and Christina, Anthony, Caroline, Melania, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Ashley and Family, Moses, Samuel, Samuel, Andrea, Hanni, George, Arbutus, The staff, board, volunteers and donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, Rhonda, Daniel, Rose, Chrissie, Pat & Dave, Nick and Family, Eliza, Ella, Anastasia, Paige, Noah, Evan, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Brandon, Amy, John and Family, John, Oxanna, Yeshi, Paulos, Solomon, Dawit, Eyobel, Vladimir, Nikki, Henry, Aujhanay,, Mellow, Scott, Michael and Connie

DEPARTED - Essa, Jean, Bob, Mike

The Memorial is offered today by Halti Janet Khalil for the two year memorial of her husband Essa Khalil.

CONFESSIONS - By Appointment - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy by calling at 412.227.9746 or Pres. Kristina to schedule confession or house blessing.

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.

Donations can be made online on PayPal at - https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=H6PGMWDQTQABFQ or by following the QR code -

