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**Sunday, October 17, 2021**  
**Sunday of Holy Fathers of Seventh Ecumenical Council &**  
**Fourth Sunday of Luke Prophet Hosea;**  
**Venerable-martyr Andrew of Crete**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT (Page 124 in the Spiral Bound Book)** - *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 THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT** *Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee*

**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!*

**ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO** - *O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee*

**THE EPISTLE**

**Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.**

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

*Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen*

**THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)**

*The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the*

*word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."*

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#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Week Day Liturgy**

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers**

**Saturday, October 23, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**

**Sunday, October 24, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy**

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Week Day Liturgy**

**Wednesday, October 27, 2021 - No Vespers**

**Saturday, October 30, 2021 - No Vespers**

**Sunday, October 31, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy with Fr. Maximos**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021 - No Liturgy**

**Wednesday, November 3, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers**

**Saturday, November 6, 2021 - 11:00 AM - Baptism of Kenya Johnson**

**Saturday, November 6, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy**

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Week Day Liturgy**

**Wednesday, November 10, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Week Day Vespers**

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**PRAYER LIST - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at [Kristina.nicole@me.com](mailto: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, Holquin Family, Connor Family, Pani Kathy, Donna, Tina, Tracey, Diane, Carletta, Tyra, Gabriel, Adrienne, Antoine, Rhonda, Norma, 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, 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, Vennie and Family, Sarah and Michael, Ellis, Deborah, Sandra

**DEPARTED** - Priest Michael, Mittie, Joan, Jose, Mary, Barbara, Kathy, Mammo, Wasser, Nashua, Kdist, Vicky, Calvin

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