



St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church

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Sunday, March 26, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Great Lent **Leave-taking of the Annunciation to the Theotokos**

The synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel; Stephen the Confessor, Abbot of Triglia

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Give the King Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the King's Son. May the mountains bring peace to Thy people, and the little hills righteousness.

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

Tell forth from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God. The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and He will not turn from it; of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. (Refrain)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

He shall come down as rain upon a fleece, and as the dew which falls upon the earth. The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast incarnate for our sake; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Our God shall plainly come, and shall not keep silence. (Refrain)

In His days righteousness shall shine forth; and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth. (Refrain)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

His Name shall be blessed forever; His Name shall continue longer than the sun. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious Name unto the ages, and unto the ages of ages.

• During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Annunciation. Then, the following:

THE EISODIKON OF THE FEAST

Tell forth from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below.

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 THE ANNUNCIATION IN TONE FOUR

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the manifestation of the mystery from the ages; for the Son of God becometh the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaimeth grace. Wherefore, do we shout with him to the Theotokos: Hail, O full of grace! The Lord is with thee.

· Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:16-30)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day."

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, March 27th – 5:00 PM – Great Compline

Wednesday, March 29th – 6:00 PM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 31st – 5:00 PM – Akathist

Saturday, April 1st – 8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – Soul Saturday (**Note time change) & 5:00 PM – GREAT VESPERS

Sunday, April 2nd – 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Hospitality and Secretary Presentation

Monday, April 3rd – 5:00 PM – Great Compline – Tentative

Wednesday, April 5th – 6:00 PM – Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Friday, April 7th – 5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Saturday, April 8th – 9:30 AM – DIVINE LITURGY – Lazurus Saturday – Followed by Easter Egg Hunt

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– Patriarch John, Metropolitan Boulos, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Elias, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Joseph, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Archpriest Patrick, Kh. Vanessa, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Hiromonk Michael, Thomas, Jean, Patricia & Family, Gregory, Justin, Christopher, Joseph, Rodger, Sister Janice, John, Aksana, Nicholas, The Painter Family, The Boozer Family, The Wells Family, The Horne Family, The Focus Family, Carmen, Timothy, Debra, Brenda, Marcella, Cassie, Cami, Cheryl, Robert, Elaine, James, Laura, Adreanna, Carmella, Mogakolodi, Michael, George, Eva, The Elderkin Family, Barrant, Isolyn, Sabrina, Decoda, Ainsley, Destiny, Zachary, Billy, Michael, Phyllis, Isabella, Joan

DEPARTED – Archpriest John, Kh. Joanne, Monica, John, Nathan, Jon

CONFESSIONS By Appointment - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy via calling at 412.281.6281 to schedule confession or a meeting.

DONATIONS

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PARISH OFFICERS

Sacred Music – David Anderson & Susan Rice (March 5th)

Youth Ministry – Brandon Bailey & Katrina Bitar (March 12th)

Pastoral Care – George Langan (March 19th)

Congregational Care – Holly Lassila (March 19th)

Communications – Chris Vacarello (March 26th)

Secretary – Pres. Kristina (April 2nd)

Hospitality Director – Katherine Miller (April 2nd)

1. Job Description
2. Vision for Role
3. SMART GOALS
4. Year Long Timeline

PRESENTATION FORMAT –