



**St. Moses the Black
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**Fifth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
& After-feast of Mid-Pentecost**
Apostle Simon the Zealot; Venerable Laurence of Egypt

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

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

Verse: Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (*Refrain*)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the people give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the people give thanks to Thee. (*Refrain*)

Verse: May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (*Refrain*)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Verse: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. (*Refrain*)

Verse: So let sinners perish before the face of God, and let the righteous be glad. (*Refrain*)

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Refrain*)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

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 FOR MID-PENTECOST IN TONE EIGHT

In the midst of this Feast, O Savior, give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of true worship; for Thou didst call out to all, saying: Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Wherefore, O Christ our God, Fountain of life, glory to Thee.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

The KONTAKION of pascha in Tone EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (11:19-30)

In those days, when the apostles were scattered because of the tribulation that arose over Stephen, they traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one, except to Jews only. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who upon coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. The report concerning them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas, to go as far out as Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they should cleave to the Lord; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added unto the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year, they were gathered together in the church, and they taught a great multitude of people, and the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and signified by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over the whole world; and this took place in the days of Claudius Caesar. And the disciples, every one according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren who dwelt in Judaea; and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (4:5-42)

At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as He was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His Disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that Thou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." The woman said to Him, "Sir, Thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Art Thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst forever; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and Thou sayest that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming

when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming [He Who is called Christ]; when He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I Who speak to you am He." Just then His Disciples came. They marveled that He was talking with a woman, but none said, "What dost Thou wish?" or, "Why art Thou talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man Who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the Disciples besought Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the Disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He said to me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His words. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

MEGALYNARION FOR SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN IN TONE ONE

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Rejoice and be glad, O gate of the divine Light; for Jesus Who disappeared in the tomb hath risen with greater radiance than the sun, illuminating all believers, O Lady favored of God.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality.

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - 7:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - 5:30 PM - Men's Group
Wednesday, May 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Vespers Followed by Catechesis
Thursday, May 14, 2026 - 8:30 AM - Orthros
Saturday, May 16, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, May 17, 2026 - 9:30 AM - Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - 7:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - 5:30 PM - Men's Group
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Vespers Followed by Catechesis
Thursday, May 21, 2026 - 8:30 AM - Orthros
Saturday, May 23, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, May 24, 2026 - 9:30 AM - Orthros and Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS: 05/09 Kristopher Samuel ND (St. Christopher), **05/10** Isabelle Rossetti BD,

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 15, 2026 - 1PM-3PM - Trauma Informed Therapeutic Encounters: Free Virtual Training Symposium - See flyers in the back for details! Spread the news!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Pass out groceries to community members - When: Tuesdays, 1 PM - 4 PM

Sign up link: <https://neighborhoodresilience.org/join-the-movement/volunteer/>

What: We receive fresh produce from a food truck from Gordon Food Services via 412 Food Rescue, sort out the food, and then pass it out to people from the community. About two hours each Tuesday.

Unload food for children- When: Mon, May 25, 2026, 10 AM - 3 PM

Sign up link: <https://dash.pointapp.org/events/525601> (there are also other volunteer days/times available)

What: We will need help to unload food from a delivery truck and to place it in our storage space inside. Once the food is inside, we will need help to assemble the meals in bags. The bags will be handed out to food insecure children so they can have food to eat over the weekend. # of volunteers needed: 4 per shift

General volunteering info: If anyone is interested to sign up and see all of our volunteer opportunities you can go to our Neighborhood Resilience Project website and click on "join the movement" followed by the "volunteer" button. Here is that weblink: <https://neighborhoodresilience.org/join-the-movement/volunteer/>. We have other volunteer opportunities that are not posted.

Volunteer Orientation: If interested to learn more, please attend one of our volunteer orientations (the next one is on May 28, 6 - 8 PM), or speak with Subdeacon Gabriel (Bisrat). The link to sign up for the orientation is on the website or you can sign up directly via this link: <https://dash.pointapp.org/events/644800>.

PRAYER LIST - Please contact Andrea in email (roseswithoutthorns17@gmail.com) or via text to add living or departed names to the prayer list.

LIVING – Metropolitan Boulos, Archbishop Johana, The People affected by the war in Ukraine, The People affected by the war in Palestine, Archimandrite Maximos, Archpriest Jerome and Family, Archpriest Christopher and Family, Archpriest Edward and Pani Kathy, Archpriest James, The Fellowship of the Holy Archangel Michael Monastery, Hieromonk Alexi, Priest Stephen, Priest John, Mat. Larissa, Sebastian, Avah, Amiyah, Christopher, Fr. Joel, Fr. Mircea and Mat. Sarah, Fr. Jonathan, Pres. Christina, Fana and Basil, Dn. James, Sh. Kari, Isabelle, Jake, Mary Claire, Adrianna, Elena, Noelle, Jim, Sophia, Dn. Marc, Sh. Ina, Dn. John, Sh. Brenda, Dn. Abraham, Sh. Laurie, Dn. Jonathan, Dn. Glenn and family, Fr. Joel and Kh. Renee, Charles and Gabriella, Diaconissa Christina, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Emmanuel, The Seminarian Kevin, Sophia, Sbdb Anthony, Lee and the Davis Family, Sbdn. Gabriel, The Seminarian Emmanuel, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, The Staff, Board, Volunteers and Donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg/La Roche OCF, The students, faculty, staff of the St. Constantine School, George, Natalya, Daniel, Jonah, Nina, Rachael, Jasmine, Jason, Lily, Mary, Martha, Henry, Ann, Caden, Aiden St. Moses Mission in Jamaica, Karin, Brandon and Lucas, Jackson, Mom Maria & Sister Alex, Lacey & Josh, Bud, Lois, Ricky, Hope, Kate & Rocky, Greg, David and Laura and their unborn child, Yeshi, Paulos

DEPARTED—Mehret, Tekie, Adrienne, Faye

CONFESSIONS - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy by calling at 412.227.9746 or Pres. Kristina to schedule.

HOUSE BLESSINGS - To have your house blessed, please contact Andrea at roseswithoutthorns17@gmail.com

DONATIONS - Please make your offerings as follows:

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2. Donations can be made online on PayPal at - https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=H6PGMWDTQABFQ or by following the QR code.

**In 2025 - donations will be acknowledged by a year end contribution statement in early 2026.

If you need something different, please email Pres. Kristina at kristina.nicole@me.com.

