



**St. Moses the Black  
Orthodox Church**

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**Sunday, September 14, 2025**  
**Elevation (Exaltation) of the Holy Cross**

**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

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

My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. (Refrain)

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

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

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

This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. (Refrain)

God is our King before the ages. He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Refrain)

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

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all peoples. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy.

- During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross. Then, the following:

**THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST**

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

- After the Little Entrance, sing these hymns in the following order.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

- Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

## **KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR**

**(\*\*Thou Who wast raised up\*\*)**

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

### **THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN**

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. (thrice)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Dynamis!

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

### **THE EPISTLE**

**Exalt ye the Lord our God. The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble.**

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:18-24)**

Brethren, the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **THE GOSPEL**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.**

**(19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)**

At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they came to Pontius Pilate saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no crime in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where art Thou from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, "Wilt Thou not speak to me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to release Thee, and power to crucify Thee?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above.

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement", and in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus and led him away, and He went out, bearing His own Cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew "Golgotha." There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the Cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

Now standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the Disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the Disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the Disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, "It is finished"; and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true.

### **MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT**

O Theotokos, thou art a mystical paradise, which being untitled hath blossomed forth Christ, by Whom the life-bringing Tree of the Cross was planted in the earth. In worshipping Him now through its elevation, thee do we magnify.

### **KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT**

The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us. Alleluia.

- Instead of singing “We have seen the true light,” sing the Apolytikion of the Holy Cross.

### **Procession of the Holy Cross As done on the Feast of the Elevation**

- If the procession is begun as the Great Doxology concludes in Orthros, the final “Holy God, Holy Mighty” is slowly chanted (traditionally, if possible, in the “Agia” style of Tone Four).
- If the procession follows “Blessed be the Name of the Lord” in Divine Liturgy, it starts with “Holy God, Holy Mighty” and is chanted in the same style as above, if possible.

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**Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 7:30 AM - Divine Liturgy**  
**Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 5:30 PM - Men’s Group**  
**Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM - Vespers**  
**Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - after Vespers - Catechumen Class**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2025 - 8:30 AM Orthros**  
**Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**  
**Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 9:30 AM - Orthros and Divine Liturgy**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 7:30 AM - Divine Liturgy**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - 5:30 PM - Men’s Group**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2025 - 6:00 PM - Vespers**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2025 - after Vespers - Catechumen Class**  
**Thursday, September 25, 2025 - 8:30 AM Orthros**  
**Saturday, September 27, 2025 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**  
**Sunday, September 28, 2025 - 9:30 AM - Orthros and Divine Liturgy**

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**UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS:** 09/07 Chris Gullihur BD; 09/12 David Butler BD; 09/18 Randi and Michael Anniversary; 09/24 Mom Denise Nameday; 09/25 Rhonda Clayton BD

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**September 14, 2025** - after Liturgy - Sunday School orientation meeting. All are welcome to join! Grab your plate and come!  
**September 20, 2025** - AWE Service Retreat at NRP - from 9:00 AM to Vespers.

## September 21, 2025 - Parish Outing to the Pirates Game!

Our Young Adult Group is organizing a parish-wide outing to the Pirates game next Sunday, September 21, at 1:35pm (right after Liturgy). Everyone is warmly invited to join- not just young adults! Noah will be purchasing tickets this coming Monday, so please let him know as soon as possible if you'd like to attend. Tickets are about \$35 each. We will purchase them in bulk, and repayment can be made by Venmo, PayPal, check, or cash. If the cost is a concern, the parish is glad to cover your ticket—just let him know privately. Looking forward to a fun afternoon together!

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**PRAYER LIST** - Please contact Andrea Danko in email ([roseswithouthorns17@gmail.com](mailto:roseswithouthorns17@gmail.com)) or via text to add living or departed names to the prayer list.

**LIVING** – Metropolitan Boulous, 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, Dn. James, Sh. Kari, Isabelle, Jake, Mary Claire, Adrianna, Elena, Noelle, Jim, Sophia, Dn. Marc, Sh. Ina, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, Dn Jonathan, Dn. Glenn and family, Diaconissa Christina, Fana and Basil, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Kevin, Sbdb Anthony, Lee and the Davis Family, Sbdn. Gabriel, The Seminarian Emmanuel, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Samuel, Andrea, Sherri, Nitza, Hanni, Maya and Family, Sadie, Adam, Arbutus, Sonya, Ben and Trinity, Chris, Blake, Tom and Gaye, Lesia, Darryl and Family, The Staff, Board, Volunteers and Donors of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, Jamar and Carnell, Robyn and Diedra, Tamara and Gregory, Betty, Nathan, Rocco, Ronnie and Ronnell, Simon, McKenzie, Photini, Chrissie, John and Rachel, Landen, Shawntika, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, The students, faculty, staff of the St. Constantine School, Elliot, Peter, Preston, Nicholas, Justina, Anastasia, Sophia, George, Dino, Harry, Kristina, Sophia, Zoe, Cecelia, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Ruth, Justin, Destiny & Ensley, Brian, John, Oxannah, Yeshi, Abeba, Chelsea and Ryan, Dena and Family, Paul and Lisa, Aurora, Carlos, Barbara, Brian, Robin and James, Valen, Carla and Soren, Leon, Curtis, the Williams family, Michael, Connie, Jovan, David and Heather and their family, Landon, Connie, Michael, Anita, Ron, Nancy, Ramas Ronnie and Family, Rani, Rabie, Jovan, Jefry, May, Dawson and family, Emily and family, Jerry, Robin, Jessy, Adam, Jamar, Jeanette, Amera, Moses. Cynthia, Dina & family, Justin, Christina & family, Judy and Tom, Nashita, Syrus and Zara

**DEPARTED** – Rodney, Mark, June, Matilda, Leslie, Valentin, Betty

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**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 [roseswithouthorns17@gmail.com](mailto:roseswithouthorns17@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

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1. Checks made payable to St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church. Donations can be placed in the donation box in the front of the church.
2. Donations can be made online on PayPal at - [https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted\\_button\\_id=H6PGMWDTQABFQ](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](mailto:kristina.nicole@me.com).**

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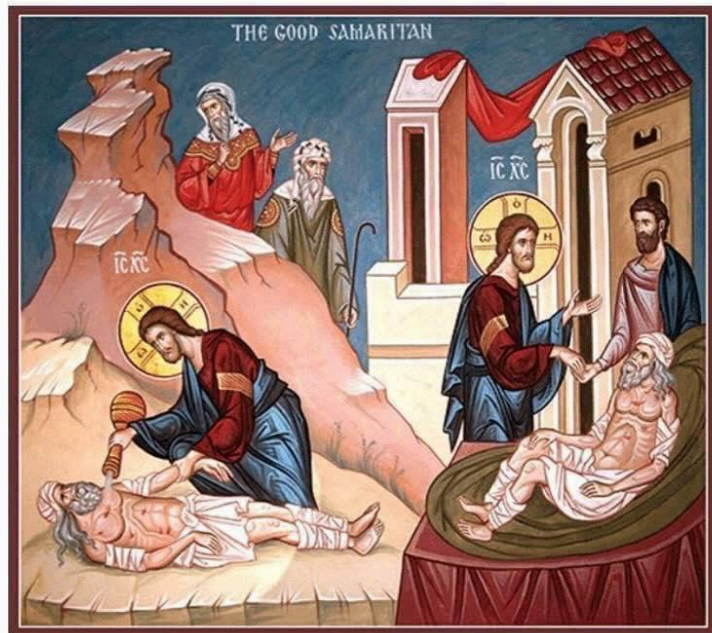
**SERVICE RETREAT**

**AT ST. MOSES THE BLACK ORTHODOX CHURCH &  
NEIGHBORHOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT IN  
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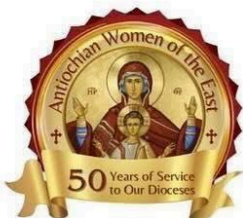


Saturday  
Sept. 20. 2025

Beginning with  
Prayer at 9:00 AM  
&  
Concluding with  
Vespers at 6:00 PM



REGISTRATION  
FORM



For all the law is fulfilled in one  
word, even in this: 'You shall love  
your neighbor as yourself.'  
(Galatians 5:14)

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