



**St. Moses the Black
Orthodox Church**

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Sunday, August 9, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost & Tenth Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

**Apostle Matthias; translation of the relics of Venerable Herman of Alaska, wonderworker of
America**

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

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

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. (*Refrain*)

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (*Refrain*)

A man will say: Mother Sion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. (*Refrain*)

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

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

- *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the apolytikion of the Transfiguration. The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is "O come, let us worship... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead..." as on ordinary Sundays. After the Little Entrance, chant these hymns in the following order:*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

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

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

THE EPISTLE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

Tuesday, August 11 , 2026 - 7:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - 5:00 PM - Paraklesis
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Men's Group
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Vespers followed by Catechesis
Thursday, August 13, 2026 - 8:30 AM - Orthros
Friday, August 14, 2026 - 5:00 PM - Great Vespers for the Feats of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Saturday, August 15, 2026 - 9:30 AM - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
Saturday, August 15, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 16, 2026 - 9:30 AM - Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, August 18 , 2026 - 7:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - 5:30 PM - Men's Group
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Vespers followed by Catechesis
Thursday, August 20, 2026 - 8:30 AM - Orthros
Saturday, August 22, 2026 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, August 23, 2026 - 9:30 AM - Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Today's Memorial is for Ms. Lesia's sister, Leslie. Memory Eternal!

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS: **08/09** Daryll Wilson BD, **08/10** Jordan Tsigas BD, **08/12** Jamir Wilson BD, **08/14** Evan Roussey BD, **08/15** Marilyn Elias, Molli (Mary) Sider-Rose (Dormition), **08/16** Eliza Roussey BD

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 30, 2026 - Parish Meeting

September 5, 2026 - Fr. Paul's Elevation Service

September 6, 2026 - Parish Picnic

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

If interested in volunteering you can speak with Subdeacon Gabriel (Bisrat) Tesfagiorgis. Or sign up using one of the links below:

Pass out groceries to community members: Tuesday, August 11 (and the following Tuesdays), 1 PM - 4 PM

Sign up link: <https://dash.pointapp.org/events/605123>

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.

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.

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 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, Pres. Christina, Fana and Basil, Dn. James, Sh. Kari, Isabelle and her unborn child, 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, Yeshi, Paul and Lisa, Gladys, Patrick, Diane, Adam & Moses, Gino, Ms. Rhonda, Tammy

DEPARTED—Jim (Simeon), June, Tom and Mildred, Ethan, Matushka Martha, Gigi

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:

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 or by following the QR code.



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