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Sunday, March 15, 2020
Second Sunday of Great Lent

Commemoration of Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica
Martyr Agapios of Palestine and those with him; Apostle Aristoboulos of the Seventy, first bishop of Britain; New-martyrs Manuel of Crete and Parthenios

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX (Large Spiral Books Page 120) - *When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.*

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS IN TONE EIGHT - *O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.*

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!*

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAYS IN 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

**O Lord, Thou wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.**

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

"In the beginning, Thou, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end." But to what angel has He ever said, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet

and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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.*

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Monday, March 16, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 20, 2020 - 8:00 AM - Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 20, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Soul Saturday Liturgy

Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 22, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

Monday, March 23, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Compline
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Annunciation
Friday, March 27, 2020 - 8:00 AM - Presanctified Liturgy
Friday, March 27, 2020 - 5:00 PM - Akathist
Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Soul Saturday Liturgy

Saturday, March 28, 2020 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers
Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy

We are looking for parishioners to participate in evening programs for mission trips during the first two weeks of July 2020.

SAVE THE DATE - St. Moses the Black Brotherhood Conference in Pittsburgh hosted by our parish - October 8 - 11, 2020

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— Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest Elias, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Kh. Vanessa, The Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black, The Parishioners of St. George, Deacon Martin, Shimashee Melinda, Majesta, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Seminarian Paul, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Pearl, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, David, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Linda & Family, Amera, Adam, Moses, Ramey, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Victoria, Tyra, Lamar, Gabriel, Maurice, Nicole, Gladys, Antoine, Simon, Carletta, Emma, Deborah, Gus, Marianne, James, Haleigh, Mikayla, Cathy, Kathleen, Daniel, Rocco, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, David, Esther, Juliana, Mary, Frank, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Fidelia, Katherine, Kammy, Leroy, Solomon, Paulous, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Elizabeth, John, Tanya, Brad, Owen, Arthur, Marilyn, David, Samuel, Karen & Family, Gabby, Joel, Ashley, Dave, Elise, Austin, Justin, Susan, Chris, Robin, Serena, Chris, Brian, Catherine, Brigitte, Mike, Peter, Paula, Theodore, Nicholas, Anita

DEPARTED – Archpriest Patrick, Thomas, Alexandra, William, Tarsha, Mary Ellen, Katilin, Anna-Brita, Charles

CONFESSIONS and HOUSE BLESSINGS By Appointment - Please contact Rev. Paul Abernathy by calling at 412.254.6281 to schedule confession or a meeting.

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