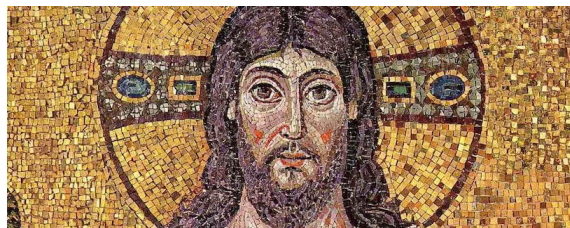


### EPISTLE I Corinthians 9:2-12

BRETHREN, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

### GOSPEL Matthew 18:23-35

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailors, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

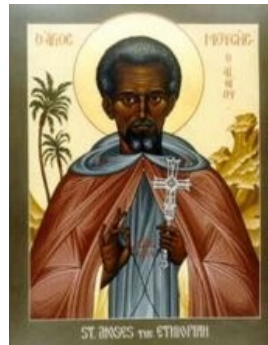


### MEMORIAL

A Memorial Service will be offered today for **Titika Savoulidou (1 Year)**, requested by the Catsambas family. The Altar flowers are given in her memory—may it be eternal!

**PRAYER LIST:** Lee Konjas, Alexander Wadas, Constantina Speris, Joseph Papadakis, Nate Cekay, Chris Calender, Alexander Plotas, Robert Shriver,

**PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES OF NEEDY OR ILL PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 301-469-7990**



### ST. MOSES THE BLACK (THE ETHIOPIAN)

Moses, an escaped slave, was the leader of a group of 75 robbers. He was a large and powerful man, who with his gang terrorized the entire region. Moses was transformed after he and his group attacked a monastery, intending to rob it. He was met by the abbot, whose peaceful and warm manner overwhelmed him. He immediately felt remorse for all his past sins, sincerely repented, and begged to remain at the monastery. Moses was tortured by his past and for years was tempted to return to his old ways. One day, as he was confessing his sins to St. Macarius, an angel appeared with a tablet full of his sins. As he confessed, the angel began wiping the tablet clean. The more he confessed, the more the angel wiped, until by the end it was completely clean. After meeting St. Macarius and St. Isidore, he completely left his old ways behind him and became a monk. Later, St. Moses was ordained to the priesthood -- a rare honor among the Desert Fathers -- and founded a monastery of 75 monks, the same number as his former group of thieves. He was known for his wisdom, humility, love, and non-judgment of others. Once a brother had been caught in a particular sin, and the abbot asked St. Moses to come to the church and render judgment. He came reluctantly, carrying on his back a leaking bag of sand. When he arrived, the brothers asked him why he was carrying such a thing. He simply said, "This sand is my sins which are trailing out behind me, while I go to judge the sins of another." At that reply, the brothers forgave the offender and returned to focusing on their own salvation rather than the sins of their brother. In 405 A.D., at age 75, St. Moses suffered a martyr's death, when his monastery was attacked by a group of barbarians. *He is remembered on the 28th of August.*



**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**  
**Monday, August 29: THE BE-HEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST** Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. (STRICT FASTING DAY)

**Thursday, Sept. 1: THE INDICATION** (Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year) Orthros 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. **Because new carpeting is being installed in the Church beginning after Monday's Liturgy, the Sept 1 Orthros and Liturgy will be in the Chapel.**



### PARISH RETREAT DAY OCTOBER 1, 2011

Our spiritual theme this year is *Prayer in the Orthodox Church: Entering the Inner Room*. We will explore the depths of true prayer throughout the year. To begin, on **Saturday, October 1, 2011**, we will have our Parish Retreat Day with His Eminence **Metropolitan Panteleimon of Antinoes** giving the year's opening presentation on "The Jesus Prayer". His Eminence is serving as Proistamenos at St. Theodore's in Lanham. Make time to "lay aside all earthly cares" and spend time reflecting on this ancient prayer of the Church. The schedule is on the Church bulletin board across from the Church Office.

### 40-DAY BLESSINGS

40-Day Blessings will be given today to **Sophia Lynn**, daughter of Katerina and John Paez; to **Isabella**, daughter of John Andreadakis and Rebecca Neagle, to **Athena**, daughter of Evi and Matthew Malone, and to **Nicolaos**, son of Philip and Audra Koudellou. May God grant them many years!



### PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Please inform the Church Office 301-469-7990 (ext 300) of any loved ones who are hospitalized or “shut-ins,” so they may be visited and receive the grace of Holy Communion.

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**THE REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.  
ORTHROS AT 8:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 A.M. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE!**

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### **GREEK SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOLERS**

Greek School for Preschoolers (GSP) has a few openings in each class for the 2011-2012 school year. Please visit the <http://www.stgeorge.org/education/greek-preschool> for applications, forms and more information, or contact [paula.spiliotopoulos@verizon.net](mailto:paula.spiliotopoulos@verizon.net) or [dsamiosferat@gmail.com](mailto:dsamiosferat@gmail.com)

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11**

*Our goal is to grow in God's love and to make God's love know to others.* Students must be registered before September 11. Registration forms can be found on line, in the Herald or on the table in the Church Hall. Registration forms should be mailed or faxed to the Church. Please register today. The Church fax number is 301-469-5945.

### **PARISH DIRECTORIES**

The revised printed Parish Directory is now available. You may obtain one upon request in the Church Office (Mon. through Fri., 8 to 4 p.m.) and on weekends in the Treasurer's Office (opposite the Church Office.) **ONLY ONE COPY PER FAMILY.**

### **50 PLUS CLUB**

Our first meeting is September 14th, which coincides with the Feast-day of **The Exaltation of the Cross**. We encourage everyone to attend the services that morning and come to the meeting immediately afterward. Father George Khitiri will be speaking on **The Meaning of the Cross**. At our September 28th meeting, F William Hessmer IV will be speaking on **Essential Estate Planning**, an issue important to us all. A trip to the Dupont Winterthur Mansion and Longwood Gardens is planned for October 12th. Payment must be received by September 14th.

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In response to continued inquiries regarding church financials, the Church is publishing year-to-date operating income and expenses in the Sunday Bulletin. God bless you and thank you for your support.

### **January 1 through August 23, 2011**

**Income \$800,205.69\***

**Expenses \$845,418.04\*\***

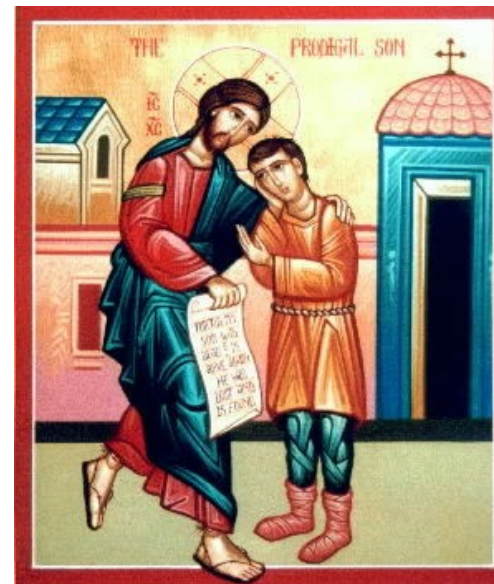
\*Includes any income (funds received) from Stewardship, Candles, Trays, Donations, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Fall Fundraiser, Greek School, Pre-School Program, Other Income and Harbor School Rent.

\*\* - Includes expenses incurred (funds disbursed) for Administrative Items, Candles, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Fall Fundraiser, Greek School, Pre-School Program, Bookstore, Archdiocese Stewardship, For Those Who Serve, Furniture,

## 11TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

ST. MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN

AUGUST 28, 2011



Today's Gospel confronts us with a message that so many of us would rather ignore or forget: forgiveness. In the parable of the master forgiving his servants, and the servants who were forgiven refusing to forgive those who owed them, Jesus teaches a powerful lesson: *how can we who beg and expect God to forgive us, then not show the same mercy to those who offend us?* Holding a grudge, fostering a resentment, refusing to give up our anger against someone who has hurt us seems the natural thing to do. Jesus calls us beyond nature to a higher level. He calls us not to follow our baser instincts, but to follow His merciful ways. Should we choose to follow his example, mercy will find us. Should we choose, instead, to withhold forgiveness from anyone — we will be banished from mercy, from compassion, from the very presence of God. Think about it. Who in YOUR life have you NOT forgiven? What choice will you make?

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

When you descended unto death, O Lord, who yourself are immortal life, then did you mortify Hades by the lightening flash of your Divinity. Also, when you raised the dead from the netherworld, all the powers of Heaven were crying out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to you.

### **Resurrectional Kontakion**

You rose from the tomb, O Savior all powerful, and Hades beheld the marvel and was struck with fear; and the dead were rising up and creation beholds and rejoices with You; and Adam is also exultant, O my Savior; and the world sings your praise.

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