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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

AUGUST 24, 2008

10th Sunday after Pentecost

HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIUS
ST. KOZMA OF BERAT
ST. COSMAS OF AETOLIA

Venerable Moses the Black of Scete

Saint Moses Murin the Black lived during the fourth century in Egypt. He was an Ethiopian, and he was black of skin and therefore called "Murin" (meaning "like an Ethiopian"). In his youth he was the slave of an important man, but after he committed a murder, his master banished him, and he joined a band of robbers.

Because of his bad character and great physical strength they chose him as their leader. Moses and his band of brigands did many evil deeds, both murders and robberies. People were afraid at the mere mention of his name.

Moses the brigand spent several years leading a sinful life, but through the great mercy of God he repented, left his band of robbers and went to one of the desert monasteries. Here he wept for a long time, begging to be admitted as one of the brethren. The monks were not convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, but the former robber would not be driven away nor silenced. He continued to ask that they accept him.

St Moses was completely obedient to the igumen and the brethren, and he poured forth many tears of sorrow for his sinful life. After a certain while St Moses withdrew to a solitary cell, where he spent the time in prayer and the strictest fasting in a very austere lifestyle.

Once, four of the robbers of his former band descended upon the cell of St Moses. He had lost none of his great physical strength, so he tied them all up. Throwing them over his shoulder, he brought them to the monastery, where he asked the Elders what to do with them. The Elders ordered that they be set free. The robbers, learning that they had chanced upon their former ringleader, and that he had dealt kindly with them, followed his example: they repented and became monks. Later, when the rest of the band of robbers heard about the repentance of St Moses, then they also gave up their thievery and became fervent monks.

St Moses was not quickly freed from the passions. He went often to the igumen, Abba Isidore, seeking advice on how to be delivered from the passions of profligacy. Being experienced in the spiritual struggle, the Elder taught him never to eat too much food, to remain partly hungry while observing the strictest moderation. But the passions did not cease to trouble St Moses in his dreams.

Then Abba Isidore taught him the all-night vigil. The monk stood the whole night at prayer, so he would not fall asleep. From his prolonged struggles St Moses fell into despondency, and when there arose thoughts about leaving his solitary cell, Abba Isidore instead strengthened the resolve of his disciple.

In a vision he showed him many demons in the west, prepared for battle, and in the east a still greater quantity of holy angels, also ready for fighting. Abba Isidore explained to St Moses that the power of the angels would prevail over the power of the demons, and in the long struggle with the passions it was necessary for him to become completely cleansed of his former sins.

St Moses undertook a new effort. Making the rounds by night of the wilderness cells, he carried water from the well to each brother. He did this especially for the Elders, who lived far from the well and who were not easily able to carry their own water. Once, kneeling over the well, St Moses felt a powerful blow upon his back and he fell down at the well like one dead, laying there in that position until dawn. Thus did the devils take revenge upon the monk for his victory over them. In the morning the brethren carried him to his cell, and he lay there a whole year crippled. Having recovered, the monk with firm resolve confessed to the igumen, that he would continue to live in asceticism. But the Lord Himself put limits to this struggle of many years: Abba Isidore blessed his disciple and said to him that the passions had already gone from him. The Elder commanded him to receive the Holy Mysteries, and to go to his own cell in peace. From that time, St Moses received from the Lord power over demons.

Accounts about his exploits spread among the monks and even beyond the bounds of the wilderness. The governor of the land wanted to see the saint. When he heard of this, St Moses decided to hide from any visitors, and he departed his own cell. Along the way he met servants of the governor, who asked him how to get to the cell of the desert-dweller Moses. The monk answered them: "Go no farther to see this false and unworthy monk." The servants returned to the monastery where the governor was waiting, and they told him the words of the Elder they had chanced to meet. The brethren, hearing a description of the Elder's appearance, told them that they had encountered St Moses himself.

After many years of monastic exploits, St Moses was ordained deacon. The bishop clothed him in white vestments and said, "Now Abba Moses is entirely white!" The saint replied, "Only outwardly, for God knows that I am still dark within."

Through humility, the saint believed himself unworthy of the office of deacon. Once, the bishop decided to test him and he bade the clergy to drive him out of the altar, reviling him as an unworthy Ethiopian. In all humility, the monk accepted the abuse. Having put him to the test, the bishop then ordained St Moses to be presbyter. St Moses labored for fifteen years in this rank, and gathered around himself 75 disciples.

When the saint reached age 75, he warned his monks that soon brigands would descend upon the skete and murder all that were there. The saint blessed his monks to leave, in order to avoid violent death. His disciples began to beseech the monk to leave with them, but he replied: "For many years already I have awaited the time when therethe words which my Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, should be fulfilled: "All who take up the sword, shall perish by the sword" (Mt. 26: 52). After this, seven of the brethren remained with the monk, and one of them hid nearby during the attack of the robbers. The robbers killed St Moses and the six monks who remained with him. Their death occurred in about the year 400.

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEPARTED:

Peter Dereschuk + *7/7/08*

William J. Spurlock + *8/12/08*

ILL-AFFLICTED:

Archpriest Pavel Soucek and Mat. Paula
Subdeacon Theodore Lentz
Jerry Arangelovich
Alice Artino
Helen Baldner
Carol Bohurjak
Martha Bondor
Mary Chrewan
John Conrad
Mikola Floresku (Brother-in-law of Tatiana Boryczewski)
Joseph Gammalo
Henry & Julia Grabowski
Maria Hanzel
Christina Helle
Jason Kleps (cousin of Maca Tyler. Jason is in Kirkuk, Iraq)
Marian Kluchnik
Mary Ann Kovach
Dorothy Laskovich
John Matson
Olga Michailuk
Dan O'Donnell
Walter & Grace Parhamovich (Karen Felon's parents)
Julia Sankovic(child)
Mary Ann Silberhorn
Elsie Sudnick
Harrison Ward (Child)
Helen Zawisza (Joe Rusynyk's sister)

William & Suzanne Frazier & Unborn Child

Cara Ann Gartman & Unborn Child

Tom & Nancy Mitchell & Unborn Child

William George & Mara Oprisko & Unborn Child

GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	$6,538.00
Last week's collection:	$3,573.50
Over/Under	<$2,964.50>

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy.

COFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour Hosts:		Greeters:
8/24/08	Judy Schwind/Maca Tyler	Linda Smotzer/Sonia Vorell
8/31/08	Natalia Pricinovskis	Debbi Pinta/Joyce Tabeling
9/07/08	Mat. Cindy Zdinak	Eileen Bondor
9/14/08	Nick & Kate Zolikoff	Debbi Pinta

For your convenience, we will have HOMEMADE APRICOT, NUT and POPPYSEED ROLLS for sale at every Sunday's *Coffee Hour*. Homemade rolls are also available at the Ridge Manor Party Center. Please call Sharon Glagola at 216-749-5509. Only $8.00 each.

Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for the health of or in memory of your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested. **August 15 - September 21:**

In Memory of parents **Anna & Vasili Pricinovskis**

- by Igors & Natalia Pricinovskis

ANNOUNCEMENT

Father John will be away from the office beginning Wednesday, **August 20** and will return Saturday, **August 30.** In case of any immediate emergency, please contact the Parish office at 216-741-1310 or contact: Fr Michael Butler

St. Innocent Orthodox Church
26736 Skyline Drive
Olmsted Falls 44138
Phone: 440-463-0992
or 440-235-4558

ANNUAL SHISH KABOB FESTIVAL
August 22 -24, 2008

St. George Orthodox Church
2587 W. 14th Street
Friday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Mediterranean Food
Pastries, Music,
Dance and Fun

SAVE THIS DATE

PATRON SAINT DINNER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
12:30 PM
AT RIDGE MANOR
Adults $20.00
Children $8.00

ST. THEODOSIUS the Archbishop of Chernigov

Finance Committee Meeting Monday, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 5:30 PM @Ridge Manor

☛ PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **SEPTEMBER 9,** at **6:00 PM** **@ Ridge Manor**

IOCC BASEBALL GAMES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Contact Frank Tkacz
at 216-351-1011
Tickets are $20.00.

Christian Education Workshop

ST. MATTHEW'S
ORTHODOX CHURCH
10383 Albion Road,
North Royalton

Educating Ourselves and
Our Children in Godliness

Saturday, September 13.
8:30AM - 4:30PM
Lunch Provided
See Paul Pangrace by
August 31 if interested.

The Tremont Arts Festival

Please mark your calendars
for the Tremont Arts Festival

Saturday September 20
11:00AM - 6:00PM
and
Sunday September 21
Noon - 5:00PM

ST. INNOCENT GOLF OUTING

Sunday, 21 September 2008

Springvale Golf Course
5871 Canterbury Rd
North Olmsted, OH

Registration: 12:00 Noon to 12:45 pm
Tee-off time: 12:50 pm

Cost: $75 donation for golfers includes 18 holes of golf, plus a cart lunch, and a steak dinner

Non-golfers who want to join the golfers for fellowship,
the steak dinner alone is $18

Children are welcome
There will be free hotdogs
for all the kids

For more information, please contact
Suzan Virosteck, 330-725-8796
or Kirk Ries, 216-973-9391

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
ST. VLADIMIR'S CAMP GROUND
& RETREAT CENTER

FASHION SHOW AUCTION & LUNCHEON

September 27, 2008

St. Michael's
WOODSIDE PARTY CENTER
5025 E. Mill Rd.
Broadview Heights

Donation $20.00
DOORS OPEN
10:00 A.M.

Contact: Barbara Sheean - 216 371-1173
Protinica Kathy Babich 216-524-6832

CHURCH SCHOOL DATES:

SEPTEMBER 27
THROUGH NOVEMBER 22
4:30 - 5:30 PM
5:30 - 6:00 PM
LIGHT MEALS

REGISTRATION DATES:
SEPTEMBER 14 & SEPTEMBER 21

St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Monastery
ANNUAL BENEFIT & SILENT AUCTION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church
4548 Wallings Road, N. Royalton
$20.00 Donation - See Paul Pangrace for tickets.

SAVE THIS DATE

IOCC FASHION SHOW
Saturday, October 18
at Ridge Manor Party Center – $25.00
See Frank Tkacz for further details.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, August 24
Hieromartyr Eutychius
St. Kozma of Berat
St. Cosmas of Aetolia
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Noon, St. George Festival

Monday, August 25
Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew
Apostle Titus of The 70

Tuesday, August 26
Martyrs Adrian and Natalia

Wednesday, August 27
Ven. Poemen The Great
Hieromartyr Kuksha

Thursday, August 28
Ven. Job of Pochaev

Friday, August 29
STRICT FAST
BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Saturday, August 30
SS. Alexander, John and Paul, Patrs, of Constantinople
St. Alexander Nevsky
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, August 31
Sash of the Theotokos
Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

SPECIAL COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER 2008
MONASTERY

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