

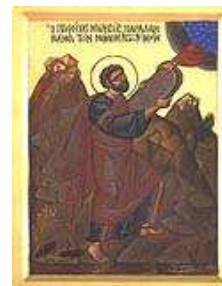
# Church of the Mother of God

## "The Joy of All the Sorrowful"

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Holy Prophet and  
God-seer Moses

**Christ is in our  
midst!**

**He is and always  
will be!**

*The choir of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron today,  
for the fulfillment of their prophecy is in our midst.  
The Cross, by which You have saved us, shines forth today.  
By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.*

Kontakion - Prophet Moses

#### On this day the Church remembers:

- Hieromartyr Babylas the Bishop of Antioch • Martyr Urban • Martyr Prilidian •
- Martyr Epolonius • Martyr Christodoula the Mother of Urban, Prilidian, Epolonius •
- Holy Prophet and God-seer Moses • Uncovering of the relics of St Joasaph the Bishop of
- Belgorod • Martyr Hermione the Daughter of St Philip the Deacon • Martyr Babylas of
- Nicomedia • 84 Martyred Children with Babylas at Nicomedia • Martyr Theodore of
- Nicomedia • Martyr Mianus (Ammianus) of Nicomedia • Martyr Julian of Nicomedia •
- Martyr Kion (Oceanus) of Nicomedia • Martyr Centurionus of Nicomedia • Second
- finding of the relics of St Metrophanes the Bishop of Vorenzh • Hieromartyr Peter the
- Metropolitan of Serbia • Hieromartyr Peter, Metropolitan of Dabro-Bosnia • Venerable
- Parthenius, Igumen of Kiziltachsk • Venerable Simeon the Wonderworker

**September 4, 2011**

**Tone 3** of the Octoechos.

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### The Holy Prophet and God-Seer Moses:

Today, September 4, the Church remembers **the Holy Prophet and God-Seer Moses**. He was of the tribe of Levi, the son of Abram and Jochabed (Exodus 6:20). His life is described in the Bible (Exodus 2 through Deuteronomy 34:12).

Moses was born in Egypt around 1689 B.C. When Pharaoh ordered all male children of the Hebrew slaves to be killed (Exodus 1:22), Moses' mother placed him in a basket of papyrus coated with pitch, and set him adrift on the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter found him and raised him as her own son.

At the age of eighty, Moses fled to Midian, where he spoke to God in the Burning Bush on Mt. Horeb (Exodus 3:2). God chose Moses to lead His people from the slavery of Egypt. They crossed the Red Sea as if it were dry land, and for forty years they wandered in the desert.

Arriving in the land of Moab, Moses went to the top of Mt. Nabau, or Nebo (Deuteronomy 32:49), which is called Phasga (Deut. 34:1). There, according to the will of God, he died in 1569 B.C. at the age of 120 without entering the Promised Land.

The first two Biblical Odes are attributed to Moses: "Let us sing to the Lord..." (Exodus 15:1-9), which was sung on the shores of the Red Sea after the Hebrews had crossed it. "Attend, O heaven..." (Deut. 32:1-43) was sung in the land of Moab, a few days before Moses' death. He is also regarded as the author of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

The holy Prophet Moses performed many miracles during his lifetime, and also after his death. He appeared on Tabor with the Prophet Elias at the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6).

On the day that St John of the Ladder (March 30) was installed as abbot of Mt. Sinai, the Prophet Moses was seen going around and giving orders to the cooks, stewards, and servants. When the guests had gone and the monks were sitting at table, they wondered what had become of the stranger who had been giving orders. St John said, "Our Lord Moses does nothing strange by serving in the place which belongs to him."

**The first day of the Church New Year** is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on **September 1**.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on **September 1** to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah (61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...".

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

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**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the health of:****Laura** on her birthday, offered by her mother.**Summer Sunday service (Final week):****Hours - 9:10 AM****Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM****(General Confession on the first Sunday of each month)****Coffee hour after Liturgy****Readings:**

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Matthew 19:16-26

**BRETHREN**, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**At that time**, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- **Regular service schedule returns next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be at 9:40 am and Divine Liturgy will start at 10:00 am.**
- **Sunday School will begin again on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.**

**Upcoming Sisterhood Events**

- The Sisterhood of the Mother of God will be having a covered dish luncheon on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> in honor of their Feast Day. Cost is \$5.00 for adults. A sign-up sheet will be posted on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Next Sisterhood meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour.

**Special Announcements:**

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)