

# Special Thanks

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The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
555 N High Street  
Columbus, Ohio

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Sponsored by Lee and Ageleke Zapis

# About

**How Sweet the Sound** is all about learning from one another: what can a musical style from one Christian tradition reveal about another? What can we learn about one another through musical collaboration? And how can music help us build bridges across communities?

Today, you'll hear a newly composed setting of an Orthodox Vespers in the style of black gospel music, written by Orthodox practitioner Dr. Shawn Wallace, Director of Jazz Studies at Ohio State University. Drawing on familiar tunes from both black gospel and Orthodox musical settings, this setting will highlight the sometimes-unacknowledged connections between these traditions and reveal our commonalities as Christians.

We hope you enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

# Program

Welcome

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas

"Sweet Soul Music"

Fr. Moses Berry

"Amazing Grace from Place to Place"

Dr. Peter Bouteneff

*How Sweet the Sound: The Gospel Vespers*

1. The Litany of Peace
2. The Lord's Prayer
3. Holy, Holy, Holy/ Psalm 103 (104)
4. Commemoration for the Departed
5. Lord I Call/ Wade in the Water
6. Psalm 129 (130)
7. Psalm 117/ Amazing Grace/ Alpha and Omega
8. O Gladsome Light
9. Trisagion Prayers/ Hold To God's Unchanging Hand
10. The Dismissal/ Let The Church Say Amen
11. Reprise

## Musicians

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dr. Shawn Wallace, director/ cantor | James Hopkins, tenor            |
| Dr. Marissa Moore, cantor           | James Woods, tenor              |
| Kara Brooks, soprano                | Orlando Sumlin, bass            |
| Syretta Bates, soprano              | Nic Watkins, bass               |
| DeMeeshia Marshall, alto            | Christopher Brown, organ        |
| Kimberly White, alto                | Shane Willis, drums/ percussion |

*Please join us for a reception following the performance*

# Text

## 1. The Litany of Peace (Dr. Shawn Wallace)

*Soloist:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* Lord, have mercy!

*Soloist:* For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For our Archbishop and Father Savas, for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For our country, for the president, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*P:* Lord, have mercy!

*S:* Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*P:* To You, O Lord.

## 2. The Lord's Prayer (Albert Hay Malotte, arr. Dr. Shawn Wallace)

Our Father, Who art in the Heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto Ages of Ages, Amen.

## 3. Holy, Holy, Holy/ Psalm 103 (104)/ Bless His Holy Name (John Bacchus Dykes, Dr. Shawn Wallace, Andrae Crouch, arr. Dr. Shawn Wallace)

Holy, holy, holy; Lord, God Almighty; Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy; Merciful and mighty; God in three persons blessed Trinity. Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

Confession and majesty hast Thou put on, Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment, Who stretchest out the heaven as it were a curtain; Who supporteth His chambers in the waters, Who appointeth the clouds for His ascent, Who walketh upon the wings of the winds, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire, Who establisheth the earth in the sureness thereof; it shall not be turned back for ever and ever. The abyss like a garment is His mantle; upon the mountains shall the waters stand.

At Thy rebuke they will flee, at the voice of Thy thunder shall they be afraid. The mountains rise up and the plains sink down, unto the place where Thou hast established them. Thou appointedst a bound that they shall not pass, neither return to cover the earth. He sendeth forth springs in the valleys; between the mountains will the waters run. They shall give drink to all the beasts of the field; the wild asses will wait to quench their thirst. Beside them will the birds of the heaven lodge, from the midst of the rocks will they give voice. He watereth the mountains from His chambers; the earth shall be satisfied with the fruit of Thy works

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and green herb for the service of men, To bring forth bread out of the earth; and wine maketh glad the heart of man. To make his face cheerful with oil; and bread strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the plain shall be satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon, which Thou hast planted. There will the sparrows make their nests; the house of the heron is chief among them.

The high mountains are a refuge for the harts, and so is the rock for the hares. He hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth his going down. Thou appointedst the darkness, and there was the night, wherein all the beasts of the forest will go abroad. Young lions roaring after their prey, and seeking their food from God. The sun ariseth, and they are gathered together, and they lay them down in their dens. But man shall go forth unto his work, and to his labor until the evening.

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is filled with Thy creation. So is this great and spacious sea, therein are things creeping innumerable, small living creatures with the great. There go the ships; there this dragon, whom Thou hast made to play therein. All things wait on Thee, to give them their food in due season; when Thou givest it them, they will gather it. When Thou openest Thy hand, all things shall be filled with goodness; when Thou turnest away Thy face, they shall be troubled. Thou wilt take their spirit, and they shall cease; and unto their dust shall they return. Thou wilt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created; and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let the glory of the Lord be unto the ages; the Lord will rejoice in His works. Who looketh on the earth and maketh it tremble, Who toucheth the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord throughout my life, I will chant to my God for as long as I have my being. May my words be sweet unto Him, and I will rejoice in the Lord.

O that sinners would cease from the earth, and they that work iniquity, that they should be no more. Bless Your Holy Name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me; Bless His Holy Name!  
(2X)

His Name is: Jesus, Savior, Advocate, Deliverer, Comforter, Provider, Emmanuel. He Is so: Holy, Righteous, Omnipotent, All Powerful, Long Suffering, and of Great Goodness, Unchanging.

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Bless His Holy Name!

#### **4. Commemoration for the Departed (Douglas Pierce)**

Remember, O Lord, those who have departed this life: all who served You in the priesthood and ministry of the Church and in the monastic order, and grant them rest with Your saints in Your eternal kingdom. Remember, O Lord, the souls of Your servants now fallen asleep: our parents, family and friends. Forgive them all their sins, committed knowingly or unknowingly; grant them Your kingdom, a portion in Your eternal blessing and the enjoyment of Your unending life.

Remember, O Lord, all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and of eternal life: our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children, all our loved ones and Christians throughout the world. Place them with Your saints before the light of Your countenance and have mercy on us, for You are good and love mankind.

#### **5. Lord I Call/ Wade in the Water (Traditional, arr. Dr. Shawn Wallace)**

Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me. \* Harken unto me, O Lord, I cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; \* attend to the voice of my supplication when I cry unto Thee. \* Harken unto me, O Lord. Let my prayer be set forth \* as incense before Thee, \* the lifting up of my hands \* as an evening sacrifice. \* Harken unto me, O Lord.

**6. Psalm 129 (130)/ I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (Traditional, arr. Douglas Pierce, commissioned by Dr. Shawn Wallace)**

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning - I say, more than those who watch for the morning.

**7. Psalm 117/ Amazing Grace/ Alpha and Omega (John Newton, E.O. Excell, Erasmus Mutanbira, Dr. Shawn Wallace, arr. Dr. Shawn Wallace)**

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost, but now am found T'was blind but now I see.

Oh praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

Praise The Lord! (3X)

**8. O Gladsome Light (Traditional, arr. Dr. Shawn Wallace)**

O Gladsome Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ: Having come to the setting of the sun, having beheld the evening light, we praise God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. At all times You are worthy of praise and song: O Son of God and Giver of life. Therefore, all the world glorifies You.

**9. Triasagion Prayers/ Hold To God's Unchanging Hand (Jennie Wilson, arr. Douglas Pierce, commissioned by Dr. Shawn Wallace)**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3X)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Amen (3X)

**10. The Dismissal/ Let The Church Say Amen (Andrae Crouch, arr. Douglas Pierce, commissioned by Dr. Shawn Wallace)**

**11. Reprise (Dr. Shawn Wallace)**

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He Is so: Holy, Righteous, Omnipotent, All Powerful, Long Suffering, and of Great Goodness, Unchanging. (2X)

Bless His Holy Name!

# Speakers

**Fr. Moses Berry**, a priest of the Orthodox Church in America, lives with his wife, Magdalena, in Ash Grove, Missouri, a small town in the Ozarks, on the farm his great-grandfather built in 1871.

Fr. Moses is a contributor to *An Unbroken Circle: Linking Ancient African Christianity to the African American Experience*; co-founder of the annual Ancient Christianity Conferences sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black and is in demand locally as a speaker on African American history, and nationally on issues in African American spirituality and Orthodox Christian mission. He has appeared on "Good Morning America" and on the National Geographic channel.

Fr. Moses' parish, Theotokos "Unexpected Joy" Mission, stands close to an enormous sycamore tree--the same tree that his ancestors used as a shelter for church picnics and other celebrations for over a century.

**Dr. Peter Bouteneff** teaches courses in ancient and modern theology, spirituality, and the arts, at St Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, where he is Professor of Systematic Theology. After completing his degree at New England Conservatory in 1983 he lived and worked in Japan, and traveled widely in Asia and Greece. He has an M.Div. from St Vladimir's Seminary and a doctorate from Oxford University, where he studied under Kallistos Ware. As a great fan of music and cinema, and as a practicing jazz musician, he is committed to exploring the connections between theology and culture. He directs the choir at his parish, Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, in Yonkers, NY.

Prof. Bouteneff directs the Arvo Pärt Project at St. Vladimir's Seminary, an in-depth endeavor involving concerts, lectures, and publications. He is author of *Arvo Pärt: Out of Silence*, and is now director of the SVS Sacred Arts Initiative.

His most recent book is *How to Be a Sinner*, which offers compassionate reflections on the benefits (and the pitfalls) of understanding ourselves as "sinners."

# The Composer

**Shawn "Thunder" Wallace** is a versatile performer, recording artist, composer, clinician and arranger, skilled in jazz music and equally comfortable with classical, contemporary Christian and gospel music. He has been seen and heard nationally on CBS, BET, NBC, and NPR. In addition to receiving recognition from many newspapers and publications including *Billboard* and *Contemporary Christian Music Magazine*, he is a winner of *Downbeat Magazine's* Outstanding Soloist Award.

Dr. Wallace is the director of Jazz Studies and associate professor of jazz saxophone at The Ohio State University. He is also the minister of music and worship arts at Second Baptist Church. He has released eight CDs, is a multi-instrumentalist (saxophone, flute, clarinet, piano, bass, and guitar) and is the leader of Perfect Storm and The Shawn "Thunder" Wallace Quartet. Dr. Wallace is a Vandoren Artist and endorses Gemeinhardt musical instruments. He appeared in the 2017 movie *Miles Ahead* and authored the book *How to Improvise over Chord Changes* (Hal Leonard, 2018). Dr. Wallace tours frequently with The Count Basie Orchestra and also regularly performs with The Columbus Jazz Orchestra.