



4th Annual



FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

MAAFA PROCESSION

AND PRAYER SERVICE

"Pilgrims of Hope"

JUNE 21

2025

9:00A.M. - 1:00P.M.

You are invited to join us as we remember those who suffered and or died during the forced transport of over 12 million enslaved Africans to the Americas.

THE HISTORY

In 1995, Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood from St. Paul Community Baptist Church in Brooklyn began the first Maafa Commemoration in the U.S. to "express the grief of the catastrophe that befell his ancestors and the horrific journey of millions of black people from freedom in Africa to bondage in the New World."

PLEASE JOIN US!

On Saturday, June 21 the Archdiocese of St. Louis, led by Archbishop Rozanski, will hold the 4th annual Forgive Us Our Trespases Prayer Service and Maafa Procession in downtown St. Louis to commemorate the approximately 2 million lives lost during the "Middle Passage" of the Atlantic slave trade.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The event begins at the Old Cathedral at 9:00 a.m. with a prayer service and continues with a remembering ceremony at the south pond of the arch grounds, followed by a 1-mile procession to St. John the Apostle and Evangelist Church where we will fellowship while sharing a meal.