

VARIABLES – MARCH 24, 2024

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA
REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR
REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN

“When fasting is understood in a true, Christian sense and not in a legalistic, pharisaical way, then the forgiving of insults and abstaining from covetousness are a fast, and this is the most important fast, or, if you wish, the greatest fruit of fasting. For indeed there is very little value in abstaining from food without abstinence from the returning of insult for insult and the illusion of earthly riches.” ~ St. Nicholai of Zica

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest for coffee and refreshments this morning after the service is over. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Ss. Peter and Paul.

First Sunday of Great Lent (Orthodoxy)

VENERABLE ZACHARIAH THE RECLUSE & ARTEMON, BISHOP OF SELEUCIA

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

****Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Tn. 2, Obikhod**

We venerate Thy Most Pure Image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast please to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all things with joy, O our Savior, for Thou camest to save the world!

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 1, Byzantine

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world; for which cause the heavenly pow'rs cried a loud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Byzantine

O Foremost of the Apostles, and teachers of the world, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Clergy only – Kontakion for Sundays in Great Lent, Tn. 2, Byzantine

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that has that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

Megalynarion of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

All creation rejoices in Thee O full of grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child. Our God who is before the ages! He made Thy body into a throne and Thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoices in Thee. O full of grace glory to Thee!

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26, 32-40).

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of the Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he looked to the recompense of reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak,

Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, and turned to flight armies of the aliens. Women received their dead by resurrection and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. And others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, being destitute, afflicted, tormented (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a witness through their faith, did not receive the promise, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Receiving Holy Communion: Only Orthodox Christians prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice "open communion" and has no intercommunion with non-Orthodox churches.

After taking Communion: Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

****PROCESSION**

Sing **Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy (on front page) during the procession.

Today's Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week.

For the living: Pr. Joshua, Dn. Antonio; Kathleen, Susan, Sophia, Kristen, Shirley, Diala & family, Allie, Felix & family, Wendy, Marianne & John, Timothy, Alexander, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Atticus, Evelynn, Enrica, Jon & Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Rosanna, Beverly, Donnie, Gary, Braylin, Eric, Sabrina, Ebony, Eric, DJ, Nicholas.

For the reposed: Newly departed Russell; Met. Philip; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Tom, Stephen, Basil, David, Terry; Hmks. Ephraim, John, Athanasios; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Mark, John, Mark, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Michael, Daniel; Khs. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Presb. Barbara, Boris, Glaphyra; Sandy, Amy, Suzi, Abigail, Lucy, James, Ernie, Sarah, Emily.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Nicole.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Brycen, Jonathan, David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Don, Scott, Michelle, Noah.

