

VARIABLES – JANUARY 7, 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

“With the making of the Sign of the Cross over the bread and wine, they become the Body and Blood of Christ. With the immersion of the Cross, the waters are sanctified. The Sign of the Cross looses us from sins.” ~ St. John Maximovitch

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.

Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forefunner & Baptist John

NEW-MARTYR ATHANASIOS OF ATTALIA; VENERABLE BRANNOCK OF BRAUNTON

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 6, Byzantine

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Theophany, Tn. 1, Byzantine

When Thou, O Lord was baptized in the Jordan worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee calling Thee His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forefunner & Baptist John Tn. 2, Byzantine

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most hon’able of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

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 of the Theophany, Tn. 4, Byzantine

On this day Thou hast appeared unto the whole world, and Thy light, O Sovereign Lord, is signed on us who sing Thy praise and chant with knowledge: Thou hast now come, Thou hast appeared, O Thou Light unapproachable.

Anti-Trisagion Hymn

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (19:1-8).

In those days while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:29-34).

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, 'After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.' I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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.

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: Newly illumined Joseph; Prs. Thomas, Stephen; Nicholas, Ioann, Russ, Valorie, Russell, Aaron, Wendy, Marianne & John, Timothy, Jeremiah, Alexander, Caitlin & David, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Michael & Sophia, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Alexandra, Atticus, Evelyn, Tony, Enrica, Jon & Serenity, Rosanna, Beverly, Donnie, Alfonso.

For the reposed: Newly departed Sally, Sarah, Cathy, Sandy; 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; James, Virgil, Beatrice, John, Hudson, Rachel, Ronald.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Allie, Diala.

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