

VARIABLES – DECEMBER 8, 2019

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA

REVEREND FATHER NATHAN THOMPSON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

“Let us glorify God! With the coming of the Son of God in the flesh upon the earth, with His offering Himself up as a sacrifice for the sinful human race, there is given to those who believe the blessing of the Heavenly Father, replacing that curse which had been uttered by God in the beginning; they are adopted and receive the promise of an eternal inheritance of life.”

St. John of Kronstadt

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest in the Fellowship Hall 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.

25th Sunday After Pentecost & 10th of Luke

FOREFEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS; VENERABLE PATAPIOS OF THEBES; SOPHRONIOS, BISHOP OF CYPRUS; APOSTLES SOSTHENES, APOLLOS, CRISPOS, CAESAR & EPAPHRODITOS OF THE SEVENTY

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 8, Russo-Greek

Thou didst descend from on high, O Compassionate One. Thou didst endure burial until the third day, to set us free from passions. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 8, Byzantine

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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

O first enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion Preparatory to Nativity, Tn. 3, Byzantine

The virgin comes today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him, Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He who is from eternity God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-7).

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith one baptism, one God and Father of us all, Who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17).

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done Him.

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. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance but are remembered in the other litanies during the services throughout the week.

For the living: Newly illumined Veronica, Benjamin, Patrick, Helen, Felicity & Alexandra; Archp. Thomas & Kh. Carla; Pr. George & Kh. Suzanne; Pr. Tom & Kh. Maria; Prs. Patrick & Simeon; Dn. Marc, Dn. Mark & Sh. Jeanne, Dn. Richard & Sh. Barbara; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua, Amy, Roger, Nathan, Jeremiah, Hugh, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Kurt, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Mark, Ryan & Beth, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Ekaterina & Joshua, Sarah & Jason, Cherice & Fallyn & Jameson, Sarah & Stan, Caleb & Jamie & Ellena, Seth, Caris, Mike, Hope & Max & Mercy, Joshua & Jill & Ethan, Cate & family, Jan, Kelly & Clara, Betty Jean, Brandon, Braylin, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, James, Branden, Rosanna, Diana, Kerrie, Carmen, Marilyn.

For the reposed: Newly departed Rick, infant Gabriel, Carole Nektaria & Kh. Anastasia; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; James, Edrian, Isabel, Michael, Randle, Helen, Daniel, Glenn, Erma Jean, Virgil, Ruth, Eleanor, Richard, Ray.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Laura, Jessica.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Shane Jeremiah, David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Aaron, Don, Nick, James, Scott, Michelle.