

VARIABLES – MAY 31, 2020

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA
REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

*“The righteous Job said: Is not a man’s life on earth a trial? Are not his days as those of a hireling?
(Job 7:1) Therefore, one must be as a watchful guard and be prepared for all that may happen.”*

St. Nikolai of Zica

After-feast of Ascension

Commemoration of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

MARTYRS HERMIAS OF COMANA IN CAPPADOCIA & THE MAGICIAN MARUS WHO BELIEVED THROUGH HIM

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns

Troparion of Ascension, Tn. 4, Byzantine

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 6, Byzantine

When Mary stood at Thy grave looking for Thy sacred body, angelic pow’rs shown 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.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers, Tn. 8, Byzantine

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us to the true faith; O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Carpatho-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 of Ascension, Tn. 6, Byzantine

When Thou hadst fulfilled Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting things on earth with the Heavens, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, departing not hence, but remaining inseparable from us and crying unto them that love Thee: I am with you, and no one can be against you.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that thee

hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou has given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou has sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thine own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men who Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou has given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father keep them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

Today's Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Keep these people in your prayers this week. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance.

For the living: Prs. George, Nathan & Kh. Mandy, Tom & Kh. Maria; Pr. Simeon; Dns. Marc, Richard & Sh. Barbara; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Jessica, Hugh, Joshua, Roger, Amy, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Kurt, Karl, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, James & family, Jared, Rebeca, Jill, Eli, Pierre, Ekaterina & Joshua, Cherice & family, Caleb, Mark, Ellena & family, Daniel & family, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Braylin, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Braden, Kerrie, Carmen, Randall, James, Branden, Rosanna, Hudson.

For the reposed: Newly departed Rebecca; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael, John & Mark; Sbdn. Neil; Kh. Terry Elizabeth; Solomon, Florence, Daniel, Richard, George, Issac, Jonathan, Dean, Sherman, John, Walter, Daniel, William, Tabler, James, William, John, Jairt.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Rachele, Christina, Kristy, Hannah.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: David, Jacob, Gregory, Preston, Saba, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle.