

VARIABLES – MARCH 8, 2020

# 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

*“Uphold in your life all the Christian virtues and the examples of the saints, especially the Holy Life of our Master and Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Theotokos. Only with this Spirit will our Lent be accepted and only with this kind of Lent will our lives be purified and only with this armor of purification will we be conquerors.”*  
*His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH*

**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.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

THEOPHYLACT THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA; APOSTLE HERMAS OF THE SEVENTY

### 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. 5, Kievan

Let us the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit. He was born from the Virgin for our salvation. He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead, by His glorious resurrection!

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.

Kontakion for Sundays in Great Lent, Tn. 8, 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 hast 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.”

**The Reading from the First 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 fleeting pleasures of sin. 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 conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might

rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

**The 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 previous page) as we process around the church.**

***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:** Prs. George, Tom & Kh. Maria; Pr. Simeon; Dn. Marc, Dn. Mark & Sh. Jeanne; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua, Hugh, Roger, Amy, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Kurt, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Beth & Family, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Rebeca, Ekaterina & Joshua, Karl, Cherice & Fallyn & Jameson, Mark, Eli, Caleb, Sarah & Stan, Caleb & Jamie & Ellena, Seth, Caris, Mike, John Paul, Don & Amber, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Braylin, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, Kerrie, Carmen, Randall, James, Branden, Rosanna, Ruth, Hudson, Zachary, Sasha.

**For the reposed:** Newly-departed Ryan, Thomas, Francis Mae, Diana; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Sbdn. Neil; Kh. Terry Elizabeth; Solomon.

**For those who are pregnant and their unborn children:** Jessica, Rachelle, Christina & Kristy.

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