

VARIABLES – FEBRUARY 24, 2019

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“Let your prayers be simple, for both the Publican and the Prodigal Son were reconciled to God by a single phrase.” – St. John Climacus

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.

Sunday of the 1st & 2nd Discoveries of the Forerunner's Honorable Head & Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn.6, Carpatho-Russisan

The angelic powers were before Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood at Thy grave, seeking Thy Most Pure Body. Thou didst capture Hell without tasting its corruption. Thou didst come to greet the Virgin and give life to the world. O Lord, who rose from the dead, Glory to Thee!

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.

Troparion for the 1st & 2nd Findings of the Venerable Head of the Forerunner, Tn. 4

The Forerunner's sacred head, having dawned forth from the earth, doth send incorruption's rays unto the faithful, whereby they find healings of their ills. From on high he gathereth the choirs of the Angels and on earth he summoneth the whole race of mankind, that they with one voice might send up glory to Christ our God.

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

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

Kontakion for the Prodigal Son, Tn. 3, Byzantine

In my folly I have strayed from Thy glory, O Father, all the wealth Thou gavest to me I have in wickedness squandered. Therefore now the pray'r of the prodigal to Thee do I cry, I have sinned against Thee merciful Father. Receive me a penitent and make me as one of the lowliest servants.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15).

Brethren, it is the God Who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” Who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus

may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son,' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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: Prs. George, Tom & Presb. Maria, Patrick, Simeon, Ed & Presb. Judy; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Laura, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Ekaterina & Joshua, Ryan, Romina, David & Linda, Braylin, Noah, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Anita & Family, Braden, James, Gene, Bev, Branden, Ryan Anne, Brody, Marc, Neal, Eunkyung, Becca, Jady.

For the reposed: Met. PHILIP; Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth, Elizabeth, Winston, Diana, Joshua, Jack, Helen, Warren, William.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Sophia, Catherine.

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

