

VARIABLES – MARCH 31, 2019

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“The person that is struggling to the best of his abilities, who has no desire to live a disorderly life, but who, in the course of the struggle for faith and life, falls and rises again and again, God will never abandon. And if he has the slightest will not to grieve God, he will go to Paradise with his shoes on. The benevolent God will, surprisingly, push him into Paradise. God will insure that he take him at his best, in repentance. He may have to struggle all his life, but God will not abandon him; He will take him at his best possible time.” – Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain

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.

3rd Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Holy Cross, Tn. 1, Byzantine

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 3, Byzantine

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the great mercy.

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

O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace unto 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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (4:14-5:6).

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but

he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, “Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee”; as He says also in another place, “Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1).

The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

++PROCESSION WITH THE CROSS++

See instructions in music packet: “Holy God”, “Troparion of the Cross”, & “Before Thy Cross”

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; Dn. Marc; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Caitlin Charity, Kurt, Gene, Carole & Heather, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Laura, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Ryan & Beth, Ekaterina & Joshua, Mark & Alisa, Sarah & Jason, David & Linda, Sophia, Sasha, Michael, Emma, Naomi, Erik, Krista, Hannah, Rachel, Ben, Darlene, Shannon, Tina, Bree, Aracelly, Betty, Steven, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, James, Gene, Bev, Branden, Ryan Anne, Rosanna.

For the reposed: Newly departed Joseph, Newly departed Anita; Met. PHILIP; Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; Christopher, Tatiana, Leila, Winston, Elizabeth, Diana.

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

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