

# SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“A man must practice good works for a long time, with great effort and determination, and “at last God comes, dwells within him and he in the Lord, and the Lord Himself sows His own commandments within him, filling him with spiritual fruit.” -- St. Marcarius the Great*

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 Holy Fathers of 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council & 4<sup>th</sup> of Luke

### Hieromartyr Jacob of Hamatoura

#### 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. , 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.

##### 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 unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

##### Apolytikion of St. Jacob of Hamatoura, Tn. 3, Byzantine

As a cedar of Lebanon growth, death of martyrdom thou didst not dismay, thou becamest a true victor, O Father Jacob. Thou didst conquer death in thy mortal flesh when by humility thou didst control the passions. Thou wast burnt to death like incense as a true sacrifice. Intercede with Christ to grant our souls the great mercy.

##### 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 to the world and to our souls the Great Mercy.

#### The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus (3:8-15).

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-

condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15).**

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

***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; Dn. Marc, Dn. Mark & Sh. Jeanne; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua, Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Kurt, Carole & Heather, Judith, Gabriel Dane, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Ryan & Beth, Ekaterina & Joshua, Sarah & Jason, Cherice & Fallyn & Jameson, Joshua, Mark, Sarah & Stan, Caleb & Jamie & Ellena, Seth, Caris, Karl, Rick & Cate, Caleb & Rachelle, Kriss, Betty Jean, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, James, Branden, Rosanna, Brandon, Bev, Anna, Andrew & Gail, Harold & Wendy.

***For the reposed:*** Newly departed Kh. Judy; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; Solomon, James, Ronald, Rachel, Dewitt, Stella, Eric, Joseph, Valborg, Carl, Bill, Monica, Adolph, Violet, June, Lester, Leona, Walter, Lucille, Rosie, Bruce.

***For those who are pregnant and their unborn children:*** Kelly, Jill, Laura.

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