

VARIABLES – MARCH 10, 2019

# 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

*“The man who has found love eats and drinks Christ every day and hour and so is made immortal. ‘Whoever eats of this bread’, He says, ‘which I will give him, will never taste death.’ Blessed is he who consumes the bread of love, which is Jesus! He who eats of love eats Christ, the God over all, as John bears witness, saying, ‘God is love.’” – St. Isaac of Syria*

**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 Forgiveness (Cheesefare)

MARTYR KODRATOS OF CORINTH AND HIS FIVE COMPANIONS; ANASTASIA THE PATRICIAN OF ALEXANDRIA; NEW-MARTYR MICHAEL OF THESSALONICA

### 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. 8, 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.

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 Cheesefare Sunday, Tn. 6, Byzantine

Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, who teachest the thoughtless and protectest the poor: Strengthen and enlighten my heart, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father, for behold my lips will not be restrained from crying to Thee: have mercy on me, the transgressor, O merciful Lord.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4).

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on

the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)**

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

***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, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Laura, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Ekaterina & Joshua, Ryan, David & Linda, Kurt, John, Zachary, Grace, Philip, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, James, Gene, Bev, Branden, Ryan Anne, Erik & Krista, Caleb, Rachelle, Micah, Charity, Elijah, Jacob.

***For the reposed:*** 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; Lucinda, Alton, Elsie, Wellington, Glenn, Gertrude, Erma Jean, Rachel, Stella, Dewitt.

***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.