

VARIABLES – FEBRUARY 23, 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

*“Give thanks to the Lord, but do not forget His great men—the poor and the needy—for they can accomplish much with God the Lord.” – Abbot Nazarius of the Valaam Monastery*

**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 Last Judgment (Meatfare)

HIEROMARTYR POLYCARP, BISHOP OF SMYRNA; VENERABLE GORGONIA, SISTER OF GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN; VENERABLE ZEBINAS, POLYCHRONIOS, MOSES & DAMIAN NEAR CYRRHUS IN SYRIA; VENERABLE DAMIAN OF ESPHIGMENOU MONASTERY ON MOUNT ATHOS

### Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 3, Carpatho-Russian

Let the heaven rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the firstborn of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

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, Russian

O first enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion for Meatfare Sunday, Tn. 1, Byzantine

When Thou, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; the books shall be opened, and the hidden things made public; then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9:2).

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord: Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31-46).**

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, "Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?" Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**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:** Archp. Noah; Prs. George, Tom & Kh. Maria; Pr. Simeon; Pr. Anthony, John & their families; 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, Rebeca, Ryan & Beth, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Rebeca, Ekaterina & Joshua, 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, Brody, Marc, Neal, Eunkyung, Becca, Jadyne.

**For the reposed:** Newly-departed Thomas, Francis Mae, Diana, Georgia, Michel & Pr. Patrick; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon, Jack & Esau; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Sbdn. Neil; Kh. Terry Elizabeth; Rachel Emily, Mary Jane, Solomon, Dicey, William, Anderson, Edith, Alan, Frances, Eleazar, James & Mary Jane.

**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.