

VARIABLES – FEBRUARY 9, 2020

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“He who thinks he has achieved perfection in virtue will never go on to seek the original source of blessing, for he has limited the scope of his aspiration to himself and so of his own accord has deprived himself of the condition of salvation, namely God. The person aware of his natural poverty where goodness is concerned never relaxes his impetus towards Him who can fully supply what he lacks.” – St. Maximus the Confessor

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 Pharisee & the Publican & Leave-taking of the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion for Meeting of Christ in the Temple, Tn. 1, Byzantine

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace: for from thee has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, giving light to those in darkness. Be glad also, thou righteous Elder, for thou hast received in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who bestows upon us resurrection.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 1, Byzantine

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

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 of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple, Tn. 1, Byzantine

O Christ God Thou has sanctified the virgin's womb by Thy birth, and as was meet, hast blessed the hands of Simeon. Thou hast also come to us to save us. Do Thou, when wars prevail, give peace to Thy people, and make mighty those whom Thou hast loved, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy (3:10-15).

Timothy, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you,

continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:10-14).

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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. Richard & Sh. Barbara, Dn. Dave & Sh. Karla, Dn. Mark & Sh. Jeanne; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua, Amy, Hugh, Roger, 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, Sarah & Stan, Caleb & Jamie & Ellena, Seth, Caris, Mike, John Paul, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Braylin, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, Kerrie, Carmen, Randall, James, Branden, Rosanna, Ruth, Hudson, Michael & Sophia.

For the reposed: Newly-departed Francis Mae, Diana, Michel & Pr. Patrick; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Sbdn. Neil; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; Gene, Louisa, John, Lena, Thomas, Mozelle, Lorenzo, Thomas, Marvin, Manny, Albert, Arteline, Della, Walter, Lane, Arvilla, Cora, Jim, Nora, Pearl, Henry, Ella, Monroe.

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.