

VARIABLES – FEBRUARY 16, 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

“I have sinned, O Savior, yet I know that Thou art the Lover of men. Thou strikest compassionately and pitiest warmly. Thou seest me weeping and runnest towards me as the Father recalling the Prodigal.” – The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

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 Prodigal Son

MARTYR PAMPHILOS, PRIEST OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE & HIS COMPANIONS; VENERABLE FLAVIAN THE HERMIT; VENERABLE MARTYR ROMANOS FROM SOLOVAK OF CARPENISION

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 2, Bulgarian

When Thou descended to death, O Life Immortal, Thou slew Hades with the splendor of Thy Divinity, and when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 2, Byzantine

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly pow’r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the pow’rs of heaven did cry aloud unto thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

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 the Prodigal Son, Tn. 3, Byzantine

In my folly I have strayed from Thy glory, O Father, all the wealth Thou gavest to me I have in wickedness squandered. Therefore now the pray’r of the prodigal to Thee do I cry, I have sinned against Thee merciful Father. Receive me a penitent and make me as one of the lowliest servants.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20).

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become

one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15:11-32).

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son,’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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. 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, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Braylin, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, Kerrie, Carmen, Randall, James, Branden, Rosanna, Ruth, Hudson, Claire.

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.