

VARIABLES – DECEMBER 5, 2021

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

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“Therefore, don’t despair when you fall, but get up eagerly and do a metanoia saying, ‘Forgive me, my dear Christ. I am human and weak.’ The Lord has not abandoned you. But since you still have a great deal of worldly pride, a great deal of vainglory, our Christ lets you make mistakes and fall, so that you perceive and come to know your weakness every day, so that you become patient with others who make mistakes, and so that you do not judge the brethren when they make mistakes, but rather put up with them.” ~ Elder Joseph the Hesychast

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest 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.

God-bearing Sabbas the Sanctified & 10th Sunday of Luke

MARTYR DIOGENES; VENERABLE NEKTARIOS OF YAGARIS KELLI & PHILOTHEOS OF KARYES ON ATHOS; GURIOS, MISSIONARY BISHOP OF KAZAN; VENERABLE NEKTARIOS OF BITOL IN BULGARIS

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 7, Byzantine

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Sabbas the Sanctified, Tn. 8, Byzantine – sung by chanter

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou has given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Sabbas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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 of Preparation of Christ’s Nativity, Tn. 3, Byzantine – sung by clergy only

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (5:22-6:2)

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control: against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a person is overtaking in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore such a one in a spirit of meekness; looking to yourself, lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your

infirmity.” And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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 & Kh. Suzanne, Ed, Robert & Presb. Zinnia, Thaddeus, Joshua & Mat. Ekaterina; Dns. Marc, Richard & Sh. Barbara; Kh. Maria, Mat. Sophia; Shs. Camille-Anna & Brittany; Steven, Ginny, Cameron, Matthew, Marissa, Matt & Amy, Fiona, Jessica, Hugh, Joshua, Roger, Amy, Simon, Alexander, Katie, James & family, Karl, Kurt, Charles, Luke & Nancy, Rebeca, Sophia, Maryfaith, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Thompson family, Ellena & family, Cherice & family, Chad, Earlene, Christian, Caleb, Jesse, Andrew, Aaron, Kendra, Mark, Paul, Andrew, Victoria, Marianne, Dennis, Linda, Simeon, Jeff, Crystal, Jesse, Kevin, Woodthorp family, Peter & family, Dave, Suzi, Alicia, Betty Jean, Ron, Don & Marie, Braden, Evelyn, Braylin, Eric, Sabrina, Ebony, Eric, DJ, Branden, Rosanna, Jon & Serenity, Julia, Ronald, Marilyn, Lynne Ann, Ric & Eunkyung.

For the reposed: Newly-departed Priest Tom, Michelle, Wendell, Magdalene, Anne; Met. PHILIP; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry, David; Hmks. Athanasios, John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael, John, Mark; Khs. Terry Elizabeth, Doris, Judy; Presb. Barbara; Kahleen, James, Daniel, Karen, Larry.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Christina, Heidi.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Jonathan, David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Don, Scott, Michelle, Noah.