

VARIABLES – JANUARY 5, 2020

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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REVEREND FATHER NATHAN THOMPSON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

“Christians are good not merely out of obedience to law or harmony with nature, or in order to gain immortal bliss for the soul. Rather, they are righteous in anticipation of the age to come, the eschaton, the age of the fullness of creation in the incarnate Son of God.” --

Orthodox Study Bible notes on Epistle for Theophany, Titus 2:11-14

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.

Transfer of the Feast of Theophany of Our Lord, God & Savior Jesus Christ

MARTYRS THEOPEMPTOS THE BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA & THEONAS THE FORMER MAGICIAN; VENERABLE SYNCRETICA OF ALEXANDRIA;
VENERABLE-MARTYR ROMANOS OF ATHOS

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of Theophany, Tn. 1, Byzantine

When Thou, O Lord was baptized in the Jordan worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee calling Thee His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of Theophany, Tn. 4, Byzantine

Thou hast appeared today to the inhabited earth, and Thy light, O Lord, hath been signed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge saying: Thou has come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

Anti-Trisagion Hymn

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia. (3x) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Have put on Christ. Alleluia. As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia.

Megalynarion of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

All creation rejoices in Thee, O Full of grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, Glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child. Our God who is before the ages! He made Thy body into a throne and Thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoices in Thee. O full of grace glory to Thee!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus (2:11-14; 3:4-7).

My son Titus the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world; awaiting

our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for Himself a people of His own who are zealous for good deeds. When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (3:13-17).

At that time, Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by Thee, and Thou dost come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on Him; and lo, a voice from Heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

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: Newly illumined Veronica, Benjamin, Patrick, Helen, & Felicity; Prs. George, Tom & Kh. Maria; Prs. Patrick & Simeon; Dn. Marc, Dn. Mark & Sh. Jeanne; Kh. Ellen; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua, Amy, Hugh, Roger, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Kurt, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Ryan & Beth, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Ekaterina & Joshua, Sarah & Jason, Cherice & Fallyn & Jameson, Mark, Eli, Sarah & Stan, Caleb & Jamie & Ellena, Seth, Caris, Mike, Cate & family, Jan, Jesse, Kelly & Clara, Betty Jean, Brandon, Braylin, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, Kerrie, Carmen, James, Branden, Rosanna, Ruth, Diana, Celestine & Diana.

For the reposed: Newly-departed Archimandrite Ephraim & Rick; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; Christopher, Tatiana, James, Edrian, Isabel, Michael, Randle, Helen, Daniel, Glenn, Erma Jean, Virgil, Ruth, Eleanor, Richard, Ray.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Laura, Jessica, Rachele.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Shane Jeremiah, David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Aaron, Don, Nick, James, Scott, Michelle.