

VARIABLES – June 28, 2020

## SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

*“The unholy doubt, not because they are ostensibly more rational, but because they are unholy. The holier man is always the more rational, for in the clear mirror of his heart he sees the truth.”*

*St. Nicolai of Zica*

## Transfer of the Commemoration of the Holy, Glorious Apostles Peter & Paul

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

#### Variable Hymns

##### 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, 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 Ordinary Sundays, Tn. 2, Byzantine

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

##### The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (11:21-12:9).

Brethren, whatever anyone dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things

that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (16:13-19)**

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His Disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven."

**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***

*Keep these people in your prayers this week. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance.*

**For the living:** Prs. Christopher & Kh. Claire, George & Kh. Suzanne, Nathan & Kh. Mandy, Tom & Kh. Maria; Pr. Simeon; Dns. Marc, Richard & Sh. Barbara; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Jessica, Hugh, Joshua, Roger, Amy, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Kurt, Karl, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, James & family, Jared, Rebeca, Jill, Eli, Pierre, Ekaterina & Joshua, Cherice & family, Caleb & family, Mark, Ellena & family, Jesse, Jonathan, Cicily, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Braylin, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Braden, Kerrie, Carmen, Randall, James, Branden, Rosanna, Hudson, Jon, Serenity, Ryan, Ron, Ben, Rob.

**For the reposed:** Newly-departed Pr. Constantine, Jill, Hmk. David, Prs. John, Elias, Jean; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael, John & Mark; Sbdn. Neil; Kh. Terry Elizabeth & Presb. Barbara; James, Lucy, Ernie, Susi, Gene, Solomon, Sarah, Emily, Ryan, Rebecca, Edward.

**For those who are pregnant and their unborn children:** Christina, Kristy, Hannah.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** David, Jacob, Gregory, Preston, Saba, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle.