

VARIABLES – MARCH 9, 2025

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“There is only one way into the Kingdom of Heaven, and that is the very way that Jesus Christ went when He lived on earth.” Bishop Innocent of Kamchatka, the Kurilian & Aleutian Islands

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.

1st Sunday of Great Lent (Orthodoxy) Holy & Great 40 Martyrs of Sebastia

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

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

****Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Tn. 2, Obikhod**

We venerate Thy Most Pure Image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. Therefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all things with joy, O our Savior, for Thou camest to save the world!

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 4, Byzantine

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion for the 40 Holy Martyrs of Sebastia, Tn. 1, Byzantine

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Lover of mankind.

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.

Clergy only – Kontakion for Sundays in Great Lent, Tn. 2, Byzantine

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that has that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (12:1-10).

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely; and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus: the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? “My son: do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by Him; for the Lord disciplines him whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives.” It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which

all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father?

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51).

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel! Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

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.

****PROCESSION**

Sing *Troparion of the Sunday of Orthodoxy* (on front page) during the procession.**

Today's Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week.

For the living: Bp. Anthony; Prs. John, Thomas, David; Dn. Anthony & Sh. Camille; Khs. Barbara, Carla, Luanne; Marilyn, Romina, Steve, Rebeca, Dane, Kay, Sue, Elizabeth, Victor, Faith, Avery, Linda, Christopher, Amanda, Erik & Krista, Anthony, Philip, James & Cheryl, Michael, Kay, Terry & Mary Beth, Hugh, Mike, Betty, Jim, Timothy, Alexander, Jeremiah, Alex, Sophia, Hector, Saoirse, Michael, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Fiona, Atticus, Evelyn, Enrica, Tony, Jon & Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Rosanna, Beverly.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Monica, Helen, Pres. Nikoletta, Katrina.

For the reposed: Newly departed Priests Wayne, David; newly departed Kevin, Glenn Elias, Chuck, April & family; Met. Philip; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Tom, Stephen, Basil, David, Terry; Igm. Leonty; Hmks. Ephraim, John, Athanasios; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Mark, John, Mark, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Michael, Daniel; Khs. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Pres. Zinnia, Barbara; Mka. Anna; Boris, Glaphyra; Judith, Susan, John; Virgil, Beatrice, James, Rick, Hudson, Amy.

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