

VARIABLES – DECEMBER 2, 2018

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA

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“When fasting is understood in a true, Christian sense and not in a legalistic, pharisaical way, then the forgiving of insults and abstaining from covetousness are a fast, and this is the most important fast, or, if you wish, the greatest fruit of fasting. For indeed, there is very little value in abstaining from food without abstinence from the returning of insult for insult and the illusion of earthly riches.” -- St. Nicolai of Zica

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.

Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

THE HOLY PROPHET HABAKKUK; MARTYR HABIB THE NEW; MARTYR MYROPE OF CHIOS; VENERABLE JOHN, HERCLEMON, THEOPHILOS AND ANDREW OF EGYPT; MARTYR STEPHEN UROSH, THE SERBIAN KING; VENERABLE IOANNIKIOS OF DEVITCH

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, St. Sergius Lavra

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 Preparatory to Nativity, Tn. 3, Byzantine

The virgin comes today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him, Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He who is from eternity God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-17).

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35-43).

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God."

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, Patrick, Simeon, Tom & Presb. Maria, Ed & Presb. Judy; Dn. Richard; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Alexander, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, James & Cheryl & Dane, Judith, Katie, Laura, Simon, Ekaterina & Joshua, Hannah, Rachel, Sarah & Family, Kevin & Christina, Herta, Michael, Margaret, Michele, Elizabeth, Bob, Diane, Arlene, Robert, Jim, Katie & Family, Toni, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Anita & Family, Braden, James, Gene, Bev, Branden, Ryan Anne.

For the reposed: Newly departed Archpriest Stephen; Newly departed Athanasia; Newly departed Jim; Newly departed Philip; Newly departed child Matthew; Met. PHILIP; Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth, Ralph.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Nicole, Laurel, Sophia.

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