VARIABLES – OCTOBER 4, 2026

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA
HIS GRACE BISHOP ANTHONY, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AND THE WEST
REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR
REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER JOHN CHRISTIANSON

"Whoever will not love his enemies cannot know the Lord and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches us to love our enemies in such a way that we pity their souls as if they were our own children." ~ St. Silouan of Athos

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.

18th Sunday after Pentecost

HIEROMARTYR HIEROTHEOS, BISHOP OF ATHENS; HIEROMARTYR PETER OF CAPITOLIA IN SYRIA; MARTYRS DOMNINA & HER DAUGHTERS OF SYRIA

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – *see music in packet*

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 1, Byzantine
While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world; for which cause the heavenly pow'rs cried a loud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the 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.

Ordinary Kontakion, 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.

Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:6-11).
Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (6:31-36)
The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will

be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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.

For the living: Newly illumined Olga; Bp. Anthony; Prs. John, Thomas; Kh. Barbara; Presbytera Nancy; Jonah, Andrew & Gail, Ruth, Christina, Philip, Markos, Anthony, Julian George, Chris, Marilyn, Aurelia, Ginny, Cameron, Matthew, Marissa, Terry, Kurt, Roger, Michael, Aaron, Frances, Stephanie; Travis, Ruth, Amy, Ric; Cherice, Beth, Kelly, Nic, Will, John Marc, Betty, Jessi, Tim, Hugh, Mike, Alexander, Jeremiah, Alex, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Fiona, Atticus, Evelynn, Enrica, Tony, Jon, Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Beverly, Garrett, Kevin, Felicity, Bryan, Rema, Emma, Brian, Amy.

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

For the departed: Newly departed Ari, Greg, Estelle, Terry, Rebecca; 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; Khs. Carla, Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Pres. Zinnia, Barbara; Mka. Anna; Boris, Glaphyra; Chrisopher, Tatiana, Steve, John, Michael, Connie, George; Philip, Ruth, Richard, James, Hudson, Ray, Amy, Charlie, Rick.

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