

VARIABLES – MAY 31, 2026

## SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER JOHN CHRISTIANSON

*“When the Spirit of God descends upon a man and overshadows him with the fullness of His outpouring, then his soul overflows with a joy not to be described, for the Holy Spirit turns to joy whatever He touches.” ~ St. Seraphim of Sarov*

**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.

## Great Feast of Pentecost

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

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of Pentecost, Tn. 8, Byzantine

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise, having sent upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them Thou hast fished the universe, O lover of mankind, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn of Pentecost, Russian

Be thou exalted, O Lord, in thy strength! We will sing and praise thy pow'r! O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to thee Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Clergy only - Kontakion of Pentecost, Tn. 8

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity, and with one voice, we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

Anti-Trisagion Hymn, Byzantine

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.

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11).

When the day of Pentecost had come, the Disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John (7:37-52; 8:12).

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now this He said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words,

many of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no one laid hands on Him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd, who do not know the Law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our Law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**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.

## Kneeling Vespers — immediately following Divine Liturgy

### *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, Demetrius, Ed, John; Dn. Dave; Rdr. Nikodemos; Kh. Barbara; Shs. Karla, Valerie, Camille; Sue, Olga, Michael, Karl, Allie, Sophia, Logan, Ollie, Anika, Jasper, Felix, Ginny, Cameron, Matthew, Marissa, Aaron, Elizabeth; Terry, Darlene, Marius, Nicholas, Sean, Gerry & Kathleen, Elias & Diana, Jonathan & Kayla, Alexander, Lawania, Cheryl, Vivian & Brody, Betty, Sally, Ronald, Karen, Kelly, Jessi, Tim, Hugh, Mike, Alexander, Jeremiah, Alex, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Fiona, Atticus, Evelyn, Enrica, Tony, Jon, Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Beverly, Garrett, Kevin.

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

**For the departed:** Newly departed Celene, Kh. Carla, Josh, Ron; 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. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Pres. Zinnia, Barbara; Mka. Anna; Boris, Glaphyra; William, Anna, Benjamin, Solomon, Florence, Steve; Michael, Connie, George; James, Rick, Bruce, Rosie, Violet, Adolph, Brenda, Stanley, Leona, Walter, Amy, Philip, Jill.

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