

VARIABLES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN

Before their suffering, St. Sophia encouraged her daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love, to endure to the end: “Your heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, is eternal health, inexpressible beauty and eternal life. When your bodies are slain by torture, He will clothe you in incorruption and the wounds on your bodies will shine in the heavens as stars.”

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.

Sunday After the Elevation of the Holy Cross

MARTYRS SOPHIA & HER DAUGHTERS FAITH, LOVE & HOPE

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – *see music in packet*

Troparion of the Cross, Tn. 1, Byzantine

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 6, Byzantine

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, 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.

Clergy only - Kontakion of the Elevation of the Cross, Tn. 4, Byzantine

Do thou who of thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ God, bestow thy bounties upon the new nation which is called by thy Name; make glad in thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in thine aid a weapon of peace, and a trophy invincible.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20).

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s

will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

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: Prs. Thomas, George, Stephen & Kh. Sally; Lynne, Cindy, Wendy, Susan, Marianne & John, Timothy, Jeremiah, Alexander, Caitlin & David, Michael & Sophia, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Evelyn, Verity, Christine, Enrica, Tony, Erica Lynn, Jon & Serenity, Rosanna, Beverly, Donnie, Kendra, Jenna, Sage, Emily, Frank, AnaGrace, Marilyn.

For the reposed: For Met. Philip; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Tom, Stephen, Basil, David, Terry; Hmks. Ephraim, John, Athanasios; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Mark, John, Mark, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Michael, Daniel; Khs. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Presb. Barbara; Tom, James, Glenn, Erma Jean, Stella, Dewitt, Erik.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Alexandra.

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