

VARIABLES – JANUARY 13, 2019

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“Be careful that your mind be not defiled with the remembrance of former sins – that the remembrance of those sins be not renewed in you.” – St. Anthony the Great

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.

Sunday After the Theophany of Christ

MARTYRS HERMYLOS & STRATONIKOS OF BELGRADE; MARTYRS PACHOMIOS & POPYRINOS OF GREECE; VENERABLE MAXIMOS KAFSOKALYVITIS OF ATHOS; VENERABLE ELEAZAR OF ANZERSK ISLAND; HILARION, BISHOP OF POITIERS

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of Theophany, Tn. 1, Byzantine

When Thou, O Lord was baptized in the Jordan worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee calling Thee His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the likeness of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 8, Byzantine

From the heights Thou didst descend, O Compassionate One; and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, 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.

Kontakion of Theophany, Tn. 4, Byzantine

Thou hast appeared today to the inhabited earth, and Thy light, O Lord, hath been signed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge saying: Thou has come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (4:7-13).

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:12-17).

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

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, Tom & Presb. Maria, Patrick, Simeon, Ed & Presb. Judy; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Laura, James & Cheryl & Dane, Ekaterina & Joshua, Laurel & Elizabeth Joy, Romina, Nicole & Family, Ezra, Ruth, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, James, Gene, Bev, Branden, Ryan Anne.

For the reposed: Newly departed Bishop ATHANASIOS; Met. PHILIP; Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; Constance.

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

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