

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“Christ has died to the old world, and His resurrection has inaugurated the New Creation by reconciling everything and everyone to His Father (II Cor. 5:14-21). The ‘Passover’ of Jesus is the ultimate Event of the New Creation.” – His Beatitude, Patriarch IGNATIUS IV

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.

Third Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, Pious Joseph of Arimathea & Righteous Nicodemus

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of Pascha

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

Entrance Hymn of Pascha, Russian

In the gath'ring places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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 Give of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Joseph of Arimathea, Tn. 2, Bulgarian

The Noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy Most Pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion of the Myrrh-bearing Women, Tn. 2, Bulgarian

The angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said: Myrrh is fitting for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption. Therefore, proclaim: the Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the pow'r of death. In vic'try didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the Myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles (6:1-7).

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve

tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the world of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (15:43-16:8).

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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: Newly anointed Terry; Newly illumined Elias, newly illumined Elizabeth; 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, Kurt, Gene, Carole & Heather, Gabriel Dane, Judith, Laura, James & Cheryl & Dane, Jared, Ryan & Beth, Ekaterina & Joshua, Sarah & Jason, Ellena, Cherice, Fallyn, Jameson, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & Family, Braden, James, Gene & Bev, Branden, Ryan Anne, Rosanna, James, Shannon, Jayden.

For the reposed: Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth; Christopher, Tatiana, Jimmy, Rachel, Ronald, Stella, Dewitt, Isabel, Joseph, Valberg, Carl.

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

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

