

Saints Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church

(A parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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Today's Services - February 23, 2014 35th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 2) Sunday of the Last Judgment

Today's Saints

Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna; St. Polycarp of Briansk, St. Gorgonia, the sister of St. Gregory the Theologian; Ss. John, Antiochus, Antoninus, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, & Damian, Ascetics of the Syrian Desert; Martyr Serenus the Gardener

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy - Parastas in memory of reposed Carpathian Club members

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Upcoming Services

March 1-2, 2014

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy (Sunday) - Vespers w. Rite of Forgiveness

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: The next Parish Council Meeting is tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: Installation of the club's officers is today. A luncheon will follow in the church hall. All parishioners and visitors are welcome.

Memorial Saturdays: The first Memorial Saturday of this year's Lenten season was Saturday, February 22, 2014. If you have changes in your list of the faithful departed, please inform Father Sophrony as soon as possible.

Orthodox Missions Sunday: Next Sunday, March 2, 2014, is designated as "Orthodox Missions Sunday" by the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North & Central America. On this Sunday, all Orthodox parishes throughout North and Central America are asked to raise funds, by means of a special collection, for the benefit of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.

Today's Special Donations

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Victor Wasilewski in loving memory of his wife, Julia Wasilewski (on eleventh anniversary of repose).

St. Nicholas' Cross offered by Stephen & Lisa Marie Wasilewski in memory of Julia Wasilewski (on eleventh anniversary of repose).

HIEROMARTYR POLYCARP, BISHOP OF SMYRNA; ST. GORGONIA (SISTER OF ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN); Ss. JOHN, ANTIOCHUS, ANTONINUS, ZEBINAS, POLYCHRONIUS, MOSES & DAMIAN, ASCETICS OF THE SYRIAN DESERT; MARTYR SERENUS THE GARDENER; ST. POLYCARP OF BRIANSK

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION FOR SUNDAY OF LAST JUDGMENT IN TONE ONE

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our

Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. For the Lord is a great God and a great King over all the earth.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:31-46)

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.*

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

