



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **APRIL 11, 2021 / 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (TONE 3)**

#### TODAY'S SAINTS

*Sunday of St. John Climacus.* Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum (disciple of St. John the Theologian); Martyrs Processus and Martinian of Rome; St. Philip, Bishop of Gortyna; St. Pharmuthius, Anchorite of Egypt; St. Callinicus of Cernica, Bishop of Rimnicului; St. Isaac of Spoleto; St. Guthlac of Crowland; St. Godebertha, Abbess of Noyon; St. John (disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis); St. Barsanuphius, Bishop of Tver; St. James, Abbot of Zheleznoborov

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

#### TROPARION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE ONE

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, / thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. / Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. / Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! // Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

- *Choir sings the troparion of Apostles Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

#### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*v. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

**Prokeimenon in Tone Seven:** Let the saints exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches!

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (6:13-20)**

Brethren, when God made his promise to Abraham, he made a vow to do what he had promised. Since there was no one greater than himself, he used his own name when he made his vow. He said, "I promise you that

I will bless you and give you many descendants.” Abraham was patient, and so he received what God had promised. When we make a vow, we use the name of someone greater than ourselves, and the vow settles all arguments. To those who were to receive what he promised, God wanted to make it very clear that he would never change his purpose; so he added his vow to the promise. There are these two things, then, that cannot change and about which God cannot lie. So we who have found safety with him are greatly encouraged to hold firmly to the hope placed before us. We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure, and goes through the curtain of the heavenly temple into the inner sanctuary. On our behalf Jesus has gone in there before us and has become a high priest forever, in the priestly order of Melchizedek.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (5:9-19)**

Brethren, for it is the light that brings a rich harvest of every kind of goodness, righteousness, and truth. Try to learn what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the worthless things that people do, things that belong to the darkness. Instead, bring them out to the light. It is really too shameful even to talk about the things they do in secret. And when all things are brought out to the light, then their true nature is clearly revealed; for anything that is clearly revealed becomes light. That is why it is said, “Wake up, sleeper, and rise from death, and Christ will shine on you.” So be careful how you live. Don't live like ignorant people, but like wise people. Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days. Don't be fools, then, but try to find out what the Lord wants you to do. Do not get drunk with wine, which will only ruin you; instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with the words of psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing hymns and psalms to the Lord with praise in your hearts.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE THREE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!*

*v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!*

*v. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:17-31)**

A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, because he has an evil spirit in him and cannot talk. Whenever the spirit attacks him, it throws him to the ground, and he foams at the mouth, grits his teeth, and becomes stiff all over. I asked your disciples to drive the spirit out, but they could not.” Jesus said to them, “How unbelieving you people are! How long must I stay with you? How long do I have to put up with you? Bring the boy to me!” They brought him to Jesus. As soon as the spirit saw Jesus, it threw the boy into a fit, so that he fell on the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. “How long has he been like this?” Jesus asked the father. “Ever since he was a child,” he replied. “Many times the evil spirit has tried to kill him by throwing him in the fire and into water. Have pity on us and help us, if you possibly can!” “Yes,” said Jesus, “if you yourself can! Everything is possible for the person who has faith.” The father at once cried out, “I do have faith, but not enough. Help me have more!” Jesus noticed that the crowd was closing in on them, so he gave a command to the evil spirit. “Deaf and dumb spirit,” he said, “I order you to come out of the boy and never go into him again!” The spirit screamed, threw the boy into a bad fit, and came out. The boy looked like a corpse, and everyone said, “He is dead!” But Jesus took the boy by the hand and helped him rise, and he stood up. After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn't we drive the spirit out?” “Only prayer can drive this kind out,” answered Jesus; “nothing else can.” Jesus and his disciples left that place and went on through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where he was, because he was teaching his disciples: “The Son of Man will be handed over to those who will kill him. Three days later, however, he will rise to life.”

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (4:25-5:12)**

Large crowds followed him from Galilee and the Ten Towns, from Jerusalem, Judea, and the land on the other side of the Jordan. Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them: “Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of

heaven belongs to them! “Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them! “Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised! “Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully! “Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them! “Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God! “Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children! “Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them! “Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven.

### HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

*[Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following]*

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: / the assembly of angels and the race of men. / O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, / the glory of virgins, / from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: / our God before the ages. / He made thy body into a throne, / and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. / All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. // Glory to thee!

### COMMUNION HYMN

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Matins w. Great Canon  
of Repentance (Entire)  
6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos of Virgin Mary

### NEXT WEEKEND’S SERVICES

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy  
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers  
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

### TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Loraine & John in memory of Eva Hannen. **St. John’s Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Walter Royer. **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Evelyn Zaleckis.

### TODAY’S PARASTAS

Parastas after Divine Liturgy in memory of Fr. Alexis Nikolin, our first parish priest.

### ST. BASIL’S HOUSE

The Diocesan Appeal of Almsgiving in Great Lent 2021 is for the benefit of the recently established St. Basil’s House in Trenton, New Jersey. We ask that you donate clothing (clean and in good condition) and canned food — Reader Stephen Wasilewski will oversee the collection of the donated items brought to church.

### ST. ANDREW’S CAMP SPECIAL COLLECTION

In response to the appeal made by Archbishop Michael, starting today there will be a special collection for the benefit of St. Andrew’s Camp for three consecutive Sundays. Thanks to all of you for your generosity!

### VIRTUAL TEEN RETREATS

The Diocesan Department of Youth Ministry will be hosting its virtual Annual Lenten Teen Retreat for Teens in Grades 7-12 on Saturday, April 17th. The retreat will be split into two sessions: 12:00-3:00 PM & 7:00-8:30 PM. FOCA is hosting a virtual Youth Lenten Retreat for all youth (K-12) on Sunday, April 11, 2021, 4:00-7:00 PM. Please see the April 2021 issue of our parish newsletter, *Quo Vadis*, for the online registration website addresses.

*"I found I had less and less to say, until finally, I became silent, and began to listen. I discovered in the silence, the voice of God"*

~ Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)