



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Mother, / for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. / By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles 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.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Brethren, Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-29)

Brethren, before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after

faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

v. I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:36-50)

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." So he said, "Teacher, say it." "There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?" Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged." Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

- “All Creation Rejoices in Thee ...” is sung instead of “It is Truly Meet ...”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on April 21st: St. Mary of Egypt; Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and Companions; Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Martyr Philippa, and Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius; Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, and Quadratus, of Nicomedia; St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Cyprian, Bishop of Brescia.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by the Korbela Family in memory of Tatiana Korbela. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by the Zuber Family in memory of Michael J. Zuber (anniversary of repose). **Ss. John’s and St. Nicholas’ Crosses**, and **Triple Candelabra**, offered by wife and mother Theresa Ciavatti in memory of reposed members of the Ciavatti Family.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Friday) – Compline w. Canon of St. Lazarus
9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH AND LOCAL EVENTS

- (1) The parish council is meeting in the church hall today after Divine Liturgy.
- (2) Today’s Deanery Lenten Vespers is at Holy Resurrection Church, 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne, New Jersey, at 5:00 PM.
- (2) All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday or Saturday evening service, or call the Rectory to arrange for confession at another time.
- (3) During the month of April, a special collection basket will be set out for our parish’s obligation towards this year’s diocesan charity project (as mandated by the annual Diocesan Assembly, which is for the benefit of the Alaskan clergy. Please read below on the living conditions of our OCA clergy in Alaska.
- (4) In Memoriam: Mr. Konstantin Menshikov, a former parishioner, passed into blessed repose on March 30, 2024. Memory Eternal! ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ’ЯТЬ!

The median family income for the state of Alaska is \$77,790 per year. But the median stipend for native priests is \$7,200 per year, a salary that is \$26,000 below the poverty line for a family of four. Almost all the clergy and their wives worry about a future that is so financially fragile. Some priests have been forced to leave priestly ministry to provide for their families. And pious young men considering the priesthood have hesitated to answer the call, with abject poverty looming in their future. For example, Rt. Rev. Bishop Alexei has told the story of a Yupik parent telling his son who expressed the desire to be a priest: “Son, you’ll be poor for your entire life. I don’t want to see you destitute.” Vocations have been *lost*! The Diocese of Alaska is the OCA’s oldest and largest territorial diocese, with 89 parishes and about 30,000 faithful statewide (most of whom are Alaskan natives)—surely it deserves as much support as we can possibly give it!

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



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