



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
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APRIL 23, 2022 / 2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA: ST. THOMAS SUNDAY (TONE 1)

PASCHAL VERSES

Priest: Blessed is the kingdom ...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!
(2½x)

Choir: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Great Litany

TROPARION FROM PENTECOSTARION IN TONE SEVEN

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! / Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. / Renew in us through them an upright spirit, // by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As a martyr of Christ, thou wast bound for good deeds, O George; / by faith thou didst conquer the torturer's godlessness. / Thou wast offered as a sacrifice pleasing to God, / thus receiving the crown of victory. // Through thine intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.

- *Do not sing the troparion of Apostles Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

KONTAKION FROM PENTECOSTARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thomas touched Thy life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, / when Thou camest to Thine Apostles through closed doors. // He cried out with all: "Thou art my Lord and my God!"

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

PASCHAL KONTAKION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of Hades. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women; / granting peace to Thine apostles, // and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

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!

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (5:12-20)

In those days, many miracles and wonders were being performed among the people by the apostles. All the believers met together in Solomon's Porch. Nobody outside the group dared join them, even though the people spoke highly of them. But more and more people were added to the group—a crowd of men and women who believed in the Lord. As a result of what the apostles were doing, sick people were carried out into the streets and placed on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. And crowds of people came in from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing those who were sick or who had evil spirits in them; and they were all healed. Then the High Priest and all his companions, members of the local party of the Sadducees, became extremely jealous of the apostles; so, they decided to take action. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But that night an angel of the Lord opened the prison gates, led the apostles out, and said to them, “Go and stand in the Temple, and tell the people all about this new life.”

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (12:1-12)

In those days, Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so he did. And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, “Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.”

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.

v. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (20:19-31)

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” Thomas said to them, “Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!” Thomas answered him,

“My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!” In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (15:17-16:2)

These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’ But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE FOUR

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

Refrain: The angel cried unto the Lady that is full of grace: / Rejoice, O pure Virgin! And again, I say, rejoice! / For thy Son is risen from the grave on the third day, // and has raised the dead, O ye people, be joyful!

Heirmos: Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, / for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; / dance now and be glad, O Zion, / and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, // in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise thy God, O Zion! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

AT COMMUNION TO DISMISSAL

Priest: “In the fear of God...”

Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord... “

Priest: “O God, save Thy people... “

Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead... “*(sung once, instead of “We have seen the True Light...)*

Priest: “Always, now and ever...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled...”

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to Thee, O Christ...” and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead...” (thrice). Priest reads the Dismissal.

Priest: “Through the prayers ...”

Choir: And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

TODAY’S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Iryna Kusiak (40th Day).

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on April 23rd: Great-martyr George the Wonderworker; Martyr Alexandra the Empress (wife of Emperor Diocletian); Martyrs Anatolius and Protoleon; Martyrs Felix, Fortunatus, and Achilles; St. Marolus, Bishop of Milan; St. Gerard, Bishop of Toul; St. Adalbert, Archbishop of Prague; New Martyr Lazarus of Bulgaria.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Rose Breilinsky (anniversary of birth).

PARISH AND LOCAL EVENTS

- (1) The Parish Council is meeting on today after Divine Liturgy.
- (2) Blessing of graves at Graceland Cemetery in Kenilworth, N.J. is 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Gather at the "Russian" Cross behind the chapel. For graves blessings at other cemeteries, call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 to set up an appointment before Ascension Thursday.
- (3) The Diocesan Young Adult Retreat is being held on Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, 2023, at St. Andrew's Camp, Jewell, New York. To register, visit the webpage at https://nynjoca.org/news_230320_1.html and click on the words, **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!
Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

Pasta & Meatball Dinner

Menu

*Salad, Italian Bread, and Antipasto
Pasta and Meatballs in Meat Sauce
Wine, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea
Dessert*

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Hall
98 West 28th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey
Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Donation: \$30 per person (\$15, children up to 12)
Contact: sppbay1922nj@outlook.com or 201-436-3244

Featuring a Tricky Tray and Raffle

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parish every time you shop!**



*ShopRite, Stop & Shop, and Acme gifts cards
available for purchase in the church vestibule.*

*"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."
~ St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*