



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **APRIL 30, 2023 / 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA: HOLY MYRRH-BEARERS (TONE 2)**

#### 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*

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

#### TROPARION FROM PENTECOSTARION IN TONE TWO

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 ST. JAMES THE GREAT IN TONE

Thou wast called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted choir of Apostles. / With thy brother John, thou didst abandon all to follow the Master, O James; / thou wast filled with the Holy Spirit and didst proclaim Him to all. / Thou didst bow thy head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed thy blood! // We celebrate thy memory, O blessed one!

- *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 TWO

Thou didst command the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. / By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. / Thou didst command them to preach to Thine Apostles: // “The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

- *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 SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

*v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

**The prokeimenon in Tone Eight:** Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.

## THE EPISTLE

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1-7)**

In those days, some time later, as the number of disciples kept growing, there was a quarrel between the Greek-speaking Jews and the native Jews. The Greek-speaking Jews claimed that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of funds. So the twelve apostles called the whole group of believers together and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the preaching of God's word in order to handle finances. So then, friends, choose seven men among you who are known to be full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and we will put them in charge of this matter. We ourselves, then, will give our full time to prayer and the work of preaching.” The whole group was pleased with the apostles' proposal, so they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a Gentile from Antioch who had earlier been converted to Judaism. The group presented them to the apostles, who prayed and placed their hands on them. And so the word of God continued to spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem grew larger and larger, and a great number of priests accepted the faith.

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (12:1-11)**

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. O Lord, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.*

*v. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

*v. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.*

## THE GOSPEL

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

It was toward evening when Joseph of Arimathea arrived. He was a respected member of the Council, who was waiting for the coming of the Kingdom of God. It was Preparation day (that is, the day before the Sabbath), so Joseph went boldly into the presence of Pilate and asked him for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead. He called the army officer and asked him if Jesus had been dead a long time. After hearing the officer's report, Pilate told Joseph he could have the body. Joseph bought a linen sheet, took the body down, wrapped it in the sheet, and placed it in a tomb which had been dug out of solid rock. Then he rolled a large stone across the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were watching and saw where the body of Jesus was placed. After the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices to go and anoint the body of Jesus. Very early on Sunday morning, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they said to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" (It was a very large stone.) Then they looked up and saw that the stone had already been rolled back. So they entered the tomb, where they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe—and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here—he has been raised! Look, here is the place where he was placed. Now go and give this message to his disciples, including Peter: 'He is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him, just as he told you.'" So they went out and ran from the tomb, distressed and terrified. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (5:1-11)**

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

## 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

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. 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 SAINTS

Saints commemorated on April 30th: Apostle James the Great; St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea in Epirus; Martyr Maximus of Ephesus; Ss. Eutropius and Estelle of Saintes; St. Quintian, Confessor of Rome, and St. Atticus; St. Pomponius, Bishop of Naples; St. Earconwald, Bishop of London; 48 Martyrs of Córdoba; St. Forannan, Bishop of Donoughmore; Uncovering of the Relics of Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea; St. Ignatius Brianchaninov, Bishop of Stavropol.

## TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by the Zuber Family in memory of Michael Zuber (12th anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rt. Rev. Bishop Daniel (Alexandrow)

## PARISH AND LOCAL EVENTS

- (1) Today is reservations deadline for the Pasta & Meatball Dinner.
- (2) The offering envelope for Ascension Thursday was inadvertently omitted in this year's envelopes packets. This will be corrected next year, but for this year, place your offering in a plain envelope marked "Ascension."
- (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](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.

### **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: [ssppbay1922nj@outlook.com](mailto:ssppbay1922nj@outlook.com) or 201-436-3244

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available for purchase in the church vestibule.*

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

*“Every time we look at the Blessed Sacrament our place in heaven is raised forever.”*  
— St. Gertrude the Great (1256-1302)