



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **AUGUST 25, 2024 / 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 8)**

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

#### TROPARION OF APOSTLES BARTHOLOMEW & TITUS IN TONE THREE

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus, / entreat the merciful God, // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

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

#### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE EIGHT

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!  
*v. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

#### 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. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)**

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by Russell and Andrea Wyskanycz in memory of the Cimboic Family. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Elizabeth Zuber in memory of Michael Zuber. **St. John's Cross**, and **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Elizabeth Zuber in memory of Frances Zuber.

## TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on August 25: Return of the Relics of Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari; Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete; Hieromartyr Geruntius, Bishop of Italica (Talco, Spain); Martyr Genesius the Actor, of Rome; Martyr Genesius of Arles; Ss. Barses and Eulogius the Confessors, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes the Confessor, Bishop of Carrhae; St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople; Ss. John II "the Cappadocian" and Epiphanius, Patriarchs of Constantinople; St. Constantia of Paphos; St. Patricia of Naples; St. Aredius of Limoges, Abbot of Saint-Yrieix; St. Ebba the Elder, Abbess of Coldingham; St. Warinus, Count of Paris (son of St. Sigrada), Passion-bearer; St. Gregory of Utrecht, Abbot of St. Martin's Monastery.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

9:30 AM (Thursday) – Divine Liturgy [*Beheading of St. John the Baptist*]

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

## PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

(1) St. Olympia Orthodox Church in Norwood, New York was hit hard by the remnants of Hurricane Debby, sustaining \$40,000 worth of damage to its lower level from 10" of contaminated water caused by a sewer backup. At present, this level is unusable. Please consider supporting St. Olympia's flood recovery through its GoFundMe Campaign at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-st-olympia-orthodox-church-flood-recovery>

(2) The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA has designated the fourth Sunday of August as "College Student Sunday." Therefore, we will be taking a special collection today for the benefit of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship, the Assembly's official collegiate campus ministry program. OCF transforms the lives of college students in the USA and Canada by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church,

cultivating a campus community of worship, witness, service, fellowship and education. Learn more about OCF at <https://www.ocf.net>

(3) Congratulations to Stephen Lee Daniels, who had been a catechumen in our parish prior to his relocation to Wilmington, North Carolina, on his having become an Orthodox Christian on August 18, 2024. Many Years!

**Remember to support the parish every time you shop!**



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