



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **AUGUST 4, 2024 / 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 5)**

#### 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 SEVEN YOUTHS OF EPHESUS IN TONE FOUR

Thy seven holy martyrs, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercession, save our souls!

- *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 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!*

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)**

Brethren, having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

## 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.*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)**

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.” And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, “This Man blasphemes!” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

## COMMUNION HYMN

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

## TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on August 4: Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus; Martyr Eudoxia of Persia; Martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople; St. Perpetua of Rome; St. Agabius the Confessor, Bishop of Verona; St. Euphronius, Bishop of Tours.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Monday) – Great Vespers w. Lity [*Holy Transfiguration*]

9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy [*Holy Transfiguration*]

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

## PARISH EVENTS

- (1) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM.
- (2) All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Virgin Mary’s Fast. Confessions may be heard after any Vespers during the month of August or call the Rectory for an appointment.
- (3) The blessing of grapes and other fruits (with edible skins) will be done at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy on the feast of Holy Transfiguration (August 6th). The blessing of flowers and herbs will be done at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy on the feast of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary (August 15th).
- (4) 2024 Youth Day, sponsored by the Diocese of New York & New Jersey Department of Youth Ministry, is Saturday, August 24, 2024, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, 365 Paramus Rd., Paramus, New Jersey. Open to all youth and their families. For information, see flyer in church vestibule. Register by 8/15/2024 at <https://form.jotform.com/241866071522152>

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