



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **JUNE 28, 2020 / THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 2)**

#### TODAY'S SAINTS

Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs, Unmercenaries, and Wonderworkers, Ss. Cyrus and John; Ss. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam; St. Paul, Physician of Corinth; St. Xenophon, Abbot and Founder of Robeika Monastery (in Novgorod); Martyr Pappias of Sicily; St. Benignus, Bishop of Utrecht; St. Austell of Cornwall; St. Theodichilde, 1st Abbess of Jouarre; Martyr Argymirus of Córdoba; St. Heimrad, "Fool-for-Christ."

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou descended to death, O Life Immortal, / Thou destroyed hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou raised the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

#### TROPARION OF SS. CYRUS & JOHN IN TONE FIVE

O Christ God, / Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs, Cyrus and John, / as an invincible rampart; / through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens, / and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, / for Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

#### TROPARION OF SS. SERGIUS & HERMAN IN TONE FOUR

Fulfilling the Gospel of Christ and loving him alone, / Despising earthly cares you settled on an island. / There you fought against the invisible foe, / Subjecting your bodies to the Spirit by fasting, vigil and prayer. / Crowned with glory and now standing before the Trinity, / Pray, O Fathers Sergius and Herman, // That our souls may be saved!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and 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 TWO

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! / Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE TWO

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.  
*v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*

## THE EPISTLE

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)**

Brethren, therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man — though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

## ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!*

*v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)**

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## PARASTAS

In memory of Glen Chowanec (40th Day), offered by Denise Bobko

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils, Sanctuary Lamp, Triple Candelabra, St. John's and St. Nicholas' Crosses**, offered by Denise Bobko in memory of Glen Chowanec.

## WEEKDAY LITURGY

On Monday, June 29, 2020, Divine Liturgy is scheduled for the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, which is our parish's patronal feast day. Although attendance for this feast ought to be comparable to a Sunday Liturgy, because social distancing protocols require a certain amount of preparation, such as setting up for the method in which holy communion is now being distributed, and the possible need to recruit someone as a greeter, you are asked to call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 in advance if you plan to attend Divine Liturgy on that day. In the event there is no greeter when you arrive, please sign in your name at the candle desk, and make sure that you sit no closer than six feet away from the nearest individual or family group. Thank you for your cooperation.

## NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Today) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:00 AM (Monday) – Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

8:50 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“Let us understand that God is a *physician*, and that suffering is a medicine for salvation, not a punishment for damnation.”  
St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)