



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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TODAY'S SAINTS

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae; Hieromartyr Maxim Sandowicz; Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, Macarius, and Companions; Martyr Romulus and Companions; Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna; St. Petronius the Confessor, Bishop of Verona; Martyrs Cyriacus, Faustus the Presbyter, Abibas the Deacon, and 11 others, at Alexandria; St. Archippus of Hierapolis; St. David of Hermopolis; Martyrs Augustine, Sanctian, and Beata of Sens; St. Arator, Bishop of Verdun; St. Eleutherius, Abbot of St Mark's Abbey in Spoleto; St. Faustus, Abbot of the Monastery of Santa Lucia in Syracuse; St. Cagnoald, Bishop of Laon; Martyrs Felix and Augebert of Champagne; St. Magnus of Füssen; St. Maccallin, Bishop of Lusk (in Ireland); Martyr Donatian and Companions

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!

TROPARION OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL IN TONE FOUR

Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, / we who are unworthy beseech you, / by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, / and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you: / "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!"

TROPARION OF ST. MAXIM IN TONE FOUR

By the Providence of God, you were sent to the Mountain of Pochaev / for the knowledge of the truth of the Orthodox faith, / and receiving true teaching in the city of Zhitomir, / as a soldier of Christ you came to our land. / For Orthodoxy and your own people, you accepted a martyr's crown. / Therefore, you confirmed your native land in Orthodoxy. / O Priest-Martyr Maxim, entreat Christ God 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 FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb / and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, // and as Master, He has risen on the third day.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (16:13-24)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (21:33-42)

“Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

BOYCOTT PRODUCTS OF TURKEY

Our parishioners and friends are asked to boycott products of Turkey. This may be a small act of protest that probably won’t be felt, but at least it offers us a way of doing something in protest to the recent conversion of the Hagia Sophia into a mosque, and a way of showing our solidarity with the suffering Christians of the Middle East.

BAPTISM AFTER TODAY’S LITURGY

We welcome newly illumined **Melanie Filatov**, daughter of **Andrii and Hanna Filatov**, of Jersey City, New Jersey, on her entry today into the Holy Orthodox Church by the Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation. Many Years to Melanie, her parents, and her godparents!

NEXT WEEK’S SERVICES

6:00 PM (Monday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

8:50 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Reminder: September 8th is the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, one of the Orthodox Church’s Great Feasts.

“Sometimes when I'm talking, my words can't keep up with my thoughts. I wonder why we think faster than we speak. Probably so we can think twice.”

— Bill Watterson, *The Complete Calvin and Hobbes*