



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

*A parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

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### **DECEMBER 1, 2024 / 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 6)**

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

#### TROPARION OF PROPHET NAHUM IN TONE TWO

We celebrate the memory / of Thy prophet Nahum, O Lord; / through him we beseech Thee: // “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 SIX

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

#### 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 EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10).**

Brethren, God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved. In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world. He did this to demonstrate for all time to come the extraordinary greatness of his grace in the love he showed us in Christ Jesus. For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it. God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.*

*v. He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.”*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:18-27).**

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

## COMMUNION HYMN

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

## SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

**Commemorated on December 1:** Prophet Nahum; St. Philaretus the Merciful; Martyr Ananias of Persia; St. Castritian, Bishop of Milan; St. Ansanus the Baptizer, “Apostle of Siena”; St. Ursicinus, Bishop of Brescia; St. Leontius, Bishop of Fréjus; Hieromartyr Evasius, Bishop of Asti; St. Candres, Bishop of Maastricht; St. Eligius, Bishop of Noyon; St. Constantine, Abbot and Founder of Javron Abbey.

## TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**St. John’s Cross** and **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski in memory of Eva Benda. **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Richard Leo O’Malley.

## TODAY’S PARASTAS

**Parastas** in memory of Salvador Nasri, Alberto Nasri, and Ida Ramos offered by Cibeles Nasri-Heir.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

9:30 AM (Friday) – Divine Liturgy [*St. Nicholas*]  
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers  
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Eva Benda, age 91, of Bayonne, New Jersey, passed into blessed repose on November 23, 2024. Memory Eternal! Вічна Пам’ять!

## PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

- (1) All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast, which may be heard after any Vespers, or call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 to make a special appointment.
- (2) Order forms for St. Mary’s Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church’s annual Christmas Bake sale are available in our church vestibule.
- (3) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Sunday, December 15, 2024 after Divine Liturgy.
- (4) Marge Kovach is collecting gift cards (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kohls, Target, and Walmart) for FOCA’s “St. Nicholas Wish List” program for our parish’s FOCA chapter. *You don’t need to contact Allisan Steffaro if you want to participate—give the gift cards to Marge Kovach and she will handle the rest.*

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



*ShopRite, Stop & Shop, and Acme gifts cards available for purchase in the church vestibule.*