



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
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DECEMBER 10, 2023 / 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (TONE 2)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

TROPARION OF MARTYRS IN TONE EIGHT

Having slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements of the passions through their ascetic labors, / the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, / received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work / wonders both while alive and after death. / It is a truly great wonder that naked bones pour forth healing. // Glory to our only God and Creator!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & 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 Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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 of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on December 10th: Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus of Alexandria; Virgin-martyrs Eulalia of Barcelona and Julia of Merida; St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod; St. Miltiades, Pope of Rome; St. Gregory III, Pope of Rome; Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia; St. Thomas of Bithynia; St. Deusdedit, Bishop of Brescia; St. Leontius of Achaea; St. John, King of Serbia, and his parents, Ss. Stephen and Angelina.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Right Rev. Bishop Anthony (Grabbe).

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Our parish's FOCA chapter asks for your support in collecting gift cards, in any denomination, usable at Amazon, Target, Walmart, Kohl's, and Barnes & Noble, for its annual "St. Nicholas Wish List Program," which will fulfill the Christmas wishes of seminarian families at our OCA seminaries. Thank you for your generosity!

(2) All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast, which may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend Vespers may call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 to make an appointment.

(3) "Arts on Bergen: The Concert Series of Saint Peter's University" presents "Lessons & Carols" featuring the Aidan C. McMullen Chorale & St. Aedan's SCHOLA at St. Aedan's: Saint Peter's University Church, 800 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, N.J. is today at 5:30 PM.

(4) The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir will perform a concert of "Lessons & Carols" at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Road, Wayne, N.J. is today at 4:00 PM. \$15 donation requested at the door. See flyer on bulletin board in the church vestibule.

(5) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall today after Divine Liturgy.

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



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