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DECEMBER 11, 2022 / SUNDAY OF HOLY FOREFATHERS (TONE 1)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

TROPARION OF HOLY FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

By faith You justified the Forefathers, / when through them You betrothed Yourself beforehand to the Church of the Gentiles. / The saints boast in glory, / that from their seed there is a glorious fruit: / she who bore You without seed. // By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

- *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.*

KONTAKION OF HOLY FOREFATHERS IN TONE SIX

You did not worship the graven image, / O thrice-blessed youths, / but shielded by the ineffable Essence, / you were glorified in your trial by fire. / In the midst of the unbearable fire you called upon God, crying: / "Hasten, O compassionate One, / and in Your mercy come to our aid, // for You can do so if You will."

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!
v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore, put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.
v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’ And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.”

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!

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on December 11th: St. Daniel the Stylite, of Constantinople; Martyr Mirax of Egypt; Martyrs Aicepsimas and Aithalas of Egypt; St. Luke the New Stylite, of Chalcedon; Martyrs Victoricus, Fuscian, and Gentian; St. Sabinus, Bishop of Piacenza.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on today after Divine Liturgy.

(2) The St. Peter's University annual Christmas concert is today at 5:30 PM, at St. Aedan's, the University Church, located at 800 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, N.J. The Aidan C. McMullen Chorale and St. Aedan's SCHOLA are joined by guest instrumentalists under the direction of Prof. Joseph Hill.

(3) Today and next Sunday there is a special collection for the benefit of financial support of the clergy of the Diocese of Alaska, which was mandated by the 2022 Diocesan Assembly of the New York & New Jersey Diocese.

(4) 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.

(5) Our parish is collecting cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to a local food pantry. A bin for placing the donated food items will remain in the church until February 12, 2023. Thank you for co-operating in this project!

(6) Looking for a Christmas gift for your cleaning person, hair dresser, handyman, tutor, etc.? The ShopRite, Stop & Shop, and Acme gifts cards, available for purchase in the church, might be just what you're looking for.

"Start with what is right rather than what is acceptable."
~ Franz Kafka (1883-1924)