



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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DECEMBER 29, 2024 / SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY (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!”

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, / has shone to the world the light of wisdom! / For by it, those who worshipped the stars, / were taught by a star to adore Thee, / the Sun of Righteousness, / and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. // O Lord, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF RIGHTEOUS ONES IN TONE TWO

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, / to David, the ancestor of God; / thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; / and thou didst give glory with the shepherds; / thou didst worship with the Magi, / and didst receive the news from the Angel. // Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

KONTAKION OF RIGHTEOUS ONES IN TONE THREE

Today godly David is filled with joy; / Joseph and James offer praise. / The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. / They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, // and they cry out: “O Compassionate One, save those who honor Thee!”

- *Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, / and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! / Angels with shepherds glorify Him! / The Wise Men journey with the star, // since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

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.

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19).

Brethren, I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

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!

v. Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (2:13-23).

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

FESTAL MEGALYNARION

Verse: Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

Hirmos: I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: / heaven—the cave; / the cherubic throne—the Virgin; / the manger—the place where Christ lay: / the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The Lord has sent redemption to His people. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on December 29th: Holy Righteous Ones: Ss. David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the “Brother of the Lord”; Holy Innocents slain by Herod at Bethlehem; St. Marcellus, Abbot of the Monastery of the “Unsleeping Ones”; St. Thaddeus the Confessor, of Studion; St. Athenodorus (disciple of St. Pachomius the Great); St. Trophimus, first Bishop of Arles; St. Ebrulf, Founder and Abbot of Ouche Abbey; Ss. Mark the Grave-Digger, Theophilus, and John, of the Kiev-Caves; Ss. Theophilus and Jacob, Wonderworkers of Omuch (disciples of St. Arsenius of Konevits); St. Basiliscus the Hesychast, of Siberia.

TODAY’S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of V. Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, offered by Tais Fedetz.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angelo and Marilyn Cusano.
Sacramental Bread offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz (anniversary of repose).

UPCOMING SERVICES

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy [*Circumcision of Christ/St. Basil the Great*]
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

- (1) Our parish is collecting cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to a local food pantry. A bin for placing donated food items will be in the church hall from January 1, 2025 to February 9, 2025. Please make sure that items donated are not past the expiration date, and thank you for co-operating in this project!
- (2) Fr. Sophrony will bless homes on January 11-12, 2025. A sign-up sheet for house blessings is in the church vestibule – please sign up, or call the Rectory at 201-436-3244, by January 6, 2025.
- (3) There will be a Parastas after Wednesday’s Divine Liturgy in memory of Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz (actual date of repose) and Eva Benda (40th Day).
- (4) Thank you to everyone who helped to make our archbishop’s annual parish visit as success!
- (5) The 2025 church wall calendars are now available.

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



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