



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

*A parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

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### **DECEMBER 3, 2023 / 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (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 PROPHET ZEPHANIAH IN TONE TWO

We celebrate the memory / of Thy prophet Zephaniah, 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; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

#### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE ONE

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!  
*v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!*

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:9-19)**

Brethren, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

## ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.*

*v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.*

## 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!

## TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on December 3rd: Prophet Zephaniah; St. Theodulus the Stylite, Eparch of Constantinople; St. John the Silent, of Saint Sabbas Monastery; Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria; Martyr Cassian of Tangier; St. Mirocles the Confessor, Bishop of Milan; St. Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester, Apostle to the West Saxons; St. Abbo, Bishop of Auxerre; St. George of Cernica (in Romania); New Martyr Angelos of Chios; Monk-martyr Cosmas of Mount Athos (martyred in Constantinople in 1760); St. Sabbas, Abbot of Zvenigorod (a disciple of St. Sergius of Radonezh).

## TODAY'S PARASTAS

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

## TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of repose).

## UPCOMING SERVICES

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy [*St. Nicholas*]

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. on Sunday, December 10, 2023 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. on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM. \$15 donation requested at the door. See flyer on bulletin board in the church vestibule.

(5) Today there is a special collection for the benefit of the campaign to assist Eleana Silk during her difficult times. Eleana has been a pillar of the OCA, serving for over 40 years as the Librarian at St. Vladimir's Seminary and a member of the Metropolitan Council. She has served as a delegate to countless All-American Councils and served on many committees of the Church. Her recent situation after COVID and the illness of her sister, as well as her own physical limitations has taken a toll on her. Donations may also be sent to a restricted fund at St. Gregory's Orthodox Church, 1500 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590 (please make checks payable to “St. Gregory Orthodox Church,” with “Eleana Silk Fund” in the memo section).

(6) Parish Council is meeting in the church hall next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

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



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