



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF THE CONCEPTION IN TONE FOUR

Today the bonds of barrenness are broken: / God has heard the prayers of Joachim and Anne. / He has promised them beyond all their hopes to bear the Maiden of God, / by whom the Uncircumscribed One was born as a mortal Man; / He commanded an angel to cry to her: / “Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, // the Lord is with thee!”

TROPARION OF ST. PATAPIUS IN TONE EIGHT

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, / for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. / By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the angels.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

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

KONTAKION OF THE CONCEPTION IN TONE FOUR

Today the universe rejoices, / for Anne has conceived the Theotokos through God’s dispensation, // for she has brought forth the one who is to bear the ineffable Word.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

v. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

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 Ephesians (2:14-22).

Brethren, for He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (4:22-31).

Brethren, for it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar – for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children – but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: “Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband.” Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

v. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord, and He is their protector in time of affliction.

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.”

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:16-21).

No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.” Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. And it was told Him by some, who said, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You.” But He answered and said to them, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on December 8: The Conception by St. Anne of the All-Holy Virgin Mary [*transferred from December 9*]; St. Patapius of Thebes; Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Caesar, and Onesiphorus of the Seventy; Martyr Anthusa of Rome; St. Sophronius, Bishop of Cyprus; 462 Martyrs of Africa; St. Eucharius, first Bishop of Trier; Hieromartyr Eutychian, Pope of Rome; St. Romaric, Co-founder (together with St. Amatus of Grenoble) of Remiremont Abbey; St. Cyril, Abbot of Chelmogorsk, Enlightener of the Chuds (a term used in the *Russian Chronicle* for Estonians and Baltic Finns).

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas' Cross** 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 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. Tomorrow is the deadline for placing orders; pickup at St. Mary's is next Sunday.
- (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.