



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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FEBRUARY 16, 2025 / SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON (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!”

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION FROM THE TRIODION IN TONE THREE

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou hadst given me. / Therefore I cry to Thee like the Prodigal: / “I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; // receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

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 First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20).

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (15:11-32).

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." ' "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'

COMMUNION HYMNS

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

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on February 16th: Martyrs Pamphilius the Presbyter and Valens the Deacon of Caesarea in Palestine, and Companions; Saint Maruthas, Bishop of Martyropolis in Mesopotamia; St. Flavian, Archbishop of Antioch; St. Honestus of Nîmes (a disciple of Saturninus of Toulouse); St. Faustinus the Confessor, Bishop of Brescia; St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Japan, "Equal of the Apostles."

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski in memory Aleksandr and Olivia Ter (parishioners of St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC) and all others who perished in the recent Washington, DC airplane crash. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Maria Suchowacki in memory of Eva Benda. **St. John's Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rev. Thomas Sheridan, S.J. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Ernest A. Royer. **Triple Candelabra** offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski in memory of Karyn Tsiranides (40th Day).

TODAY'S PARASTAS

The Parastas after Divine Liturgy in memory of Archpriest Michael Chanda, and in memory of Rev. Thomas Sheridan, S.J. offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

UPCOMING SERVICES

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

- (1) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
- (2) As a fundraising event, our parish is having a flea market on two consecutive Saturdays—March 22 and March 29, 2025. Rather than throwing out items in good condition for which you no longer have any use, consider donating them for the parish flea market. Please bring donated items to church—only those who are physically unable to come themselves will be given assistance bringing in donated items.
- (3) February 22, 2025 is the first of the Memorial Saturdays of the year. If your list of the faithful departed needs updating, please inform Fr. Sophrony by then.

PARISH COUNCIL INSTALLATION CEREMONY

After "Blessed be the name of the Lord ..." (sung twice):

- (1) "God is the Lord ..." (Tone 4) in response to the priest's intonation of verses.
- (2) Troparion to Ss. Peter & Paul (Tone 4)
- (3) Gospel Reading (Luke 4:16-22)
- (4) Augmented Litany
- (5) Priest "Let us pray to the Lord," Choir: "Lord, have mercy," Priest reads Prayer.
- (6) Choir. "Amen," and "Blessed be the name of the Lord ..." (once)
- (7) Divine Liturgy Dismissal.

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