



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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FEBRUARY 19, 2023 / 36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 3)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

- *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.*

KONTAKION FROM TRIODION IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble, / and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; / the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; / then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His presence 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. Matthew. (25:31-46)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on February 19th: Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia; Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius, and Asclepiodota of Adrianopolis; Martyr Gabinus of Rome (father of Martyr Susanna); Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Confessors of Antioch; St. Dositheus of Palestine; St. Rabulas of Samosata; St. Barbatius, Bishop of Benevento; St. Mansuetus, Archbishop of Milan; St. Beatus of Liébana; Nun-martyr Philothea of Athens.

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Archpriest Michael Chanda, and Julia Wasilewski (20th anniversary of repose), offered by Victor, Stephen, Lisa, and Tatiana Wasilewski.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rita Richards.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy, with Rite of Forgiveness

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

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

"Love is the extremely difficult realization that something other than oneself is real."
~ Iris Murdoch (1919-1999)