



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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FEBRUARY 21, 2021 / 37TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 4)

TODAY'S SAINTS

Sunday of Publican and Pharisee. St. Timothy of Symbola; St. Eustathius, Archbishop of Antioch; St. George, Bishop of Amastris; St. John Scholasticus, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Zecharias, Patriarch of Jerusalem; St. Felix, Bishop of Metz; Martyr Severus of Sirmium & Sixty-Two Companions; Martyr Alexander of Hadrumetum & Companions; St. Paterius, Bishop of Brescia; St. Pepin of Landen, Duke of Brabant (husband of St. Ida, and father of Ss. Gertrude of Nivelles and Begga); St. Ercongotha, Nun (daughter of King Erconbert of Kent and St. Saxburgh); St. Gundebert, Bishop of Sens; Monk-martyr Germanus, Abbot of Granfelden; St. Avitus II, Bishop of Clermont; St. Valerius, Abbot of San Pedro de Montes

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

- *Choir sings the troparion of Apostles Peter and 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 FOUR

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! / Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! / Let us cry to our Savior: / “Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

v. *Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!*

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have followed my teaching, my conduct, and my purpose in life; you have observed my faith, my patience, my love, my endurance, my persecutions, and my sufferings. You know all that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, the terrible persecutions I endured! But the Lord rescued me from them all. Everyone who wants to live a godly life in union with Christ Jesus will be persecuted; and evil persons and impostors will keep on going from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived themselves. But as for you, continue in the truths that you were taught and firmly believe. You know who your teachers were, and you remember that ever since you were a child, you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:10-14)

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rita Richards (10th anniversary of repose).
Triple Candelabra offered by Wasilewski Family in memory of Julia Wasilewski (18th anniversary of repose).
St. Nicholas' Cross offered by Wasilewski Family in memory of Valentina Travis (26th anniversary of repose).

PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Fr. Michael Chanda, in memory of Rita Richards (offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer), in memory of Julia Wasilewski and Valentina Travis (offered by Wasilewski Family), and in memory of Stephen Cimbolic and Eva Hannon (offered by Margaret Cimbolic).

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The parish council is meeting today after Divine Liturgy.

“To make a bad day worse, spend it wishing for the impossible.”
– Bill Watterson, Calvin and Hobbes (September 29, 1995)