



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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FEBRUARY 4, 2024 / 35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 2)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, / thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, // Who grants us the Resurrection!

TROPARION OF ST. ISIDORE 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 Isidore, 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 TWO

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE ONE

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb / and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. / Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. / Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, // O only Lover of Man!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE TWO

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:12-16)

Brethren, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

v. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:14-30)

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

FESTAL MEGALYNARION

Verse: O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee!

Ode: In the shadow and letter of the Law, / let us the faithful discern a figure: / every male [child] that opens the womb / is holy to God. / Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, // the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of singing “We have seen the true light,” the choir sings the Festal Troparion.*

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on February 4th: St. Isidore of Pelusium; Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela; St. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion; St. Rabanus Maurus, Archbishop of Mainz; St. Rembert, Bishop of Hamburg-Bremen; Monk-martyr Nithard (companion of St. Ansgar, martyred by pagan Swedes); Right-believing George the Great, Prince of Vladimir; St. Cyril the Wonderworker, Abbot of Novoezersk; Ss. Abraham and Coprius of Pechenga; St. Evagrius (disciple of St. Shio of Georgia).

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

St. John’s Cross offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Archpriest John Udics. **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Archimandrite Athanasy Mastalski.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Our parish is collecting cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to a local food pantry. A bin for placing donated food items will be in the church hall from January 1, 2024 to February 11, 2024. Please make sure that items donated are not past the expiration date. Here’s an idea to help both our parish and the needy: buy one of the grocery store gift cards from the church and use it to buy the non-perishable foods.

(2) On the first two Sundays of February there shall be special collections for the benefit of the Alaskan Clergy. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

(3) The Carpathian Club is sponsoring a roast pork dinner to be held in our church hall after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 25, 2024. There will also be a “tricky tray.” Tickets are \$30 per person. All proceeds are for the benefit of the church. Please see Russell Wyskanycz if you plan to attend.

(4) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Sunday, February 18, 2024 after Divine Liturgy.

