



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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FEBRUARY 5, 2023 / 34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (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!”

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 VIRGIN-MARTYR AGATHA IN TONE FOUR

Thy lamb Agatha, calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: / “I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering. / In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. / Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I have offered myself in love.” // Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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

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!”

- *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 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!

Prokeimenon in Tone Three: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

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

My son Timothy, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

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. Luke. (18:10-14)

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise 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, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE THREE

- *Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:*

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

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 first-born Word of the Father Who has no beginning, // the Son first-born 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!

- *Sing the festal troparion instead of “We have seen the true light ...”*

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on February 5th: *Afterfeast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.* Virgin-Martyr Agatha of Palermo; St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernigov; Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus, and the Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius; St. Avitus, Bishop of Vienne; St. Indract of Glastonbury; St. Modestus, Bishop and Apostle of Carinthia; St. Adelaide, Abbess of Villach.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

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.

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 the donated food items will remain in the church until next Sunday. Please make sure that items donated are not past the expiration date, and thank you for co-operating in this project!

(2) February 18, 2023 is the first of the Memorial Saturdays of the year. If your list of the faithful departed needs updating, please inform Fr. Sophrony by next Sunday.

(3) Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Sunday, February 19, 2023 after Divine Liturgy.

" Our errors are grains of sand beside the great mountain of God's mercy. "
~ Fr. Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney (1786-1859)