



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **FEBRUARY 8, 2026 / SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON (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!

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

#### KONTAKION FROM LENTEN 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!”

- *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.*

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

## 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 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. 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.’”

## FESTAL MEGALYNARION

- *The following verse and hiermos from the festal canon's 9th Ode are sung instead of "It is Truly Meet ..."*

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

*Hiermos:* 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!

- *The festal troparion is sung instead of "We have seen the true light ..."*

## SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

**Commemorated on February 8:** *Afterfeast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple.* Great-martyr Theodore the General; Prophet Zechariah; St. Juventius, Bishop of Pavia; St. Honoratus the Confessor, Bishop of Milan; St. Agathangelus, Bishop of Damascus; St. Nicetius, Bishop of Besançon; St. Paulus, Bishop of Verdun; St. Aelfflaed, Abbess of Whitby; St. Cuthmann of Steyning; St. Mlada, Abbess and Founder of St. George's Convent in Prague (the first monastery in Bohemia); St. Sabbas II, Archbishop of Serbia.

## TODAY'S PARASTAS

Today's Parastas after Divine Liturgy in memory of Fr. Athanasy Mastalski and Fr. John Udics is offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

## TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski in memory of Richard Verezin (40th Day). **St. John's Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Archpriest John Udics (10th anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Archimandrite Athanasy Mastalski (10th anniversary of repose).

## UPCOMING SERVICES

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

## PARISH NEWS AND LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Saturday, February 14, 2026 is the first of the Memorial Saturdays of 2026. If your lists of the faithful departed needs updating, please inform Fr. Sophrony as soon as possible.  
(2) As a charity for Lent, our parish will collect cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to a local food pantry. Donated food items may be left in the church hall from now until Sunday, March 22, 2026. Please make certain that donated items are not past the expiration date. Thank You for your donations to this charitable project.

(3) Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers will be celebrated on Sunday, March 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM at St. John's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church, 145 Broad St., Perth Amboy, NJ. Rt. Rev. Bishop Irinej (Dobrijevič) will be the main celebrant and homilist. See flyer on bulletin board in the church vestibule.

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