



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

*A parish of the Orthodox Church in America*

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### **JANUARY 14, 2024 / 32ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 7)**

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

#### FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, / and called Thee His beloved Son; / and the Spirit in the form of a dove / confirmed the truthfulness of His word. / O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself // and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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

#### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / "The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

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

#### FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, / and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. / Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises: / "Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O unapproachable Light."

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

*v. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

**The prokeimenon in Tone Four:** Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

#### THE EPISTLE

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)**

Brethren, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh

and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.*

*v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.*

*v. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams.*

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)**

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

### FESTAL MEGALYNARION

*Verse:* Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

*Hirmos:* No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; / even angels are overcome with awe praising thee. / But since thou art good, accept our faith; / for thou knowest our love inspired by God! / Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light ...," we sing the festal troparion, followed by "Let our mouths be filled ..."*

### TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on January 14th: St. Sabbas I, 1st Archbishop of Serbia; St. Nina, "Equal of the Apostles," Enlightener of Georgia; Holy Monastic Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu; Martyr Felix of Nola; St. Dacius, Bishop of Milan; St. Kentigern, 1st Bishop of Glasgow; St. Stephen, Abbot of Khenolakkos Monastery (near Chalcedon); St. Joseph Analytinus of Raithu; St. Theodulus of Sinai (son of St. Nilus of Sinai); St. Meletius, Bishop of Ryazan; Hieromartyr Platon, 1st Bishop of Estonia, and all the New Martyrs of Estonia.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

## PARISH 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, and thank you for cooperating in this project!

(2) Fr. Sophrony returns from vacation early morning of January 17th. In the event of an emergency before Fr. Sophrony's return, call Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or call the nearest available Orthodox priest.

(3) Fr. Sophrony will bless homes on January 19-20, 2024. A sign-up sheet for house blessings is in the church vestibule – please sign up, or call the Rectory at 201-436-3244, by January 18, 2024.

(4) Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Sunday, January 21, 2024 after Divine Liturgy.

