



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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JANUARY 15, 2023 / 31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 6)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF SS. PAUL & JOHN IN TONE FOUR

O God of our Fathers, / always act with kindness towards us; / take not Thy mercy from us, / but guide our lives in peace // through the prayers of the venerable Paul and John.

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SIX

When Christ God, the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (1:15-17)

My son Timothy, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me, first, Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on January 15th: St. Paul of Thebes; St. John “the Hut-Dweller”; Martyr Pansophius of Alexandria; Martyr Ephysius of Sardinia; St. Gabriel, founder of Lesnov Monastery in Bulgaria; St. Ita, anchoress of Killeedy; St. Emebert, Bishop of Cambrai; St. Ceolwulf, King of Northumbria; St. Prochorus of Pshina.

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 the donated food items will remain in the church until February 12, 2023. Please make sure that items donated are not past the expiration date, and thank you for co-operating in this project!

(2) Fr. Sophrony is returning home around 6:00 AM on Wednesday morning. Many thanks to Fr. Paul Kucynda for saying today’s Divine Liturgy. In the event of an emergency before Fr. Sophrony returns, call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-5549, or the nearest Orthodox priest.

(3) Archbishop Michael is celebrating his 50th anniversary of priesthood on Saturday, February 4, 2023. A luncheon at the Brownstone in Paterson, NJ is being held in his honor. Reservations are \$50 per person; please see Reader Stephen Wasilewski today if interested in making a reservation for this event.

(4) The installation ceremony for the 2023 Parish Council will take place after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 22, 2023. A meeting of the parish council will follow in the church hall.

“The bottom of our soul, you will know, is the place of our happiness. True love is known, with its effects, when the Soul is profoundly humbled. God hath no regard to the multitude of words, but to the purity of the intent. He that hath God, hath all things; and he that hath him not, hath nothing.”

~ Miguel de Molinos (1626-1698)