



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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JANUARY 26, 2025 / 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. XENOPHON & MARY 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 Venerable Xenophon and his family!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; 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 true saying, to be completely accepted and believed: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I am the worst of them, but God was merciful to me in order that Christ Jesus might show his full patience in dealing with me, the worst of sinners, as an example for all those who would later believe in him and receive eternal life. To the eternal King, immortal and invisible, the only God — to him be honor and glory for ever and ever! Amen.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

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. Matthew (15:21-28).

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on January 26th: Ss. Xenophon and Mary, and their two sons, Ss. Arcadius and John, of Constantinople; St. Paula of Rome; Translation of the relics of St. Theodore, Abbot of Studion; St. Joseph, Bishop of Thessalonica (brother of St. Theodore the Studite); Martyrs Ananias the Presbyter, Peter, and seven soldiers, in Phoenicia; St. Simeon the Elder, of Mount Sinai; St. David IV, King of Georgia; St. Theofrid, Abbot and Bishop of Corbie; St. Conon, Bishop and monastic founder on the Isle of Man; St. Ansurius, Bishop of Orense; New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils & Triple Candelabra offered by the Korbela Family in memory of Stephen and Tatiana Korbela. **Sanctuary Lamp** by offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of his paternal grandmother, Laura Marie Royer (fiftieth anniversary of repose).

TODAY’S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Laura Marie Royer offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

(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, 2025 to February 9, 2025. Please make sure that items donated are not past the expiration date, and thank you for co-operating in this project!

(2) The 2025 church wall calendars are now available.

(3) As a fundraising event, our parish is having a flea market on two consecutive Saturdays—March 22 and March 29, 2025. Rather than throwing out items in good condition for which you no longer have any use, consider donating them for the parish flea market. Please bring donated items to church—only those who are physically unable to come themselves will be given assistance bringing in donated items.

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



ShopRite, Stop & Shop, and Acme gifts cards available for purchase in the church vestibule.