



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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TODAY'S SAINTS

Three Holy Hierarchs: Ss. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom [*transferred from 1/30*]; Martyrs Cyrus and John, Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries; Martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias of Egypt; Martyr Tryphaena of Cyzicus; St. Arsenius of Paros; St. Nicetas of the Kiev-Caves, Bishop of Novgorod; St. Julius of Novara; St. Athanasius, Bishop of Methone; St. Geminian, Bishop of Modena; St. Marcella of Rome; St. Aedan, Bishop of Ferns; St. Wilgils, Hermit of Northumbria (father of St. Willibrord); St. Ulphia of Amiens; Monk-martyr Eusebius of St. Gall Abbey (in Switzerland)

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!”

TROPARION OF THREE HIERARCHS IN TONE ONE

Let us who love their words gather together / and honor with hymns the three great torch-bearers of the triune Godhead: / Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. / These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. / They are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom / filling all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge. / Ceaselessly they intercede for us before the Holy Trinity!

TROPARION OF SS. CYRUS & JOHN IN TONE FIVE

O Christ God; / Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs Cyrus and John, / as an invincible rampart; / through their prayers frustrate the plans of the heathens, / and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, // for Thou alone art good and lovest mankind.

- *Choir sings the troparion of Apostles Peter and 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 ONE

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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 Eight: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the universe.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:12-16)

Brethren, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore, let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:14-30)

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise, he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I

have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore, take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (5:14-19)

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the universe. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

6:00 PM (Monday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

"But why, O old man, do you mix sad predictions with glad tidings? Up until now, you have proclaimed 'light' and 'glory', and now you announce 'downfall' and speak of a 'sword' for the Mother. 'Yes,' you say, 'everything will happen at the appropriate time. There will be downfall for unbelievers, rising for believers, and a sign that is spoken against.'"

St. Theodotus of Ancyra (d. 446)