



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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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.

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.

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE TWO

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, / but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. / Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets, / for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold. / Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, / thou didst proclaim to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh, / Who takes away the sin of the world, // and grants us great mercy.

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

KONTAKION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE SIX

The river Jordan trembled, and was driven back, / filled with fear at Thy coming in the flesh, / while John drew back in awe / as he fulfilled the ministry of the Spirit. / The ranks of Angels stood amazed / when they beheld Thee baptized in the stream. / And we who were in darkness are filled with light. // We praise Thee, O God made manifest, as Thou dost enlighten all.

- *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 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!

The prokeimenon in the 7th tone. The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (19:1-8)

In those days, it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

v. Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:29-34)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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 righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! 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 7th: Synaxis of St. John the Baptist; St. Brannock of Braunton; St. Cedd of Lastingham; St. Crispin, Bishop of Pavia; St. Valentine of Passau, Bishop in Rhaetia; St. Alderic, Bishop of LeMans; St. Reinold of Cologne; St. Anastasius, Archbishop of Sens.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Gregory Grudinoff (anniversary of birth).

UPCOMING SERVICES

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 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 co-operating in this project!
- (2) Fr. Sophrony will be away on vacation from the evening of January 7th until early morning of January 17th. A substitute priest will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 14th. In the event of an emergency during Fr. Sophrony's absence, 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.

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