



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **JULY 16, 2023 / 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 5)**

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

#### TROPARION OF HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Most glorious, art Thou, O Christ our God, / Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

#### TROPARION OF ST. JULIA IN TONE FOUR

Thy lamb Julia, / calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: / “I love Thee, my Bridegroom, / and in seeking Thee, I endure suffering. / In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, / and I died so that I might live with Thee. / Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I have offered myself in love.” / Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

- *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 FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

*v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great.*

**Prokeimenon in Tone Four:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)**

Brethren, having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy,

with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

### **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 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. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

### THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)**

So, He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the upright! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on July 16: *Holy Fathers of first six Ecumenical Councils*. Virgin-martyr Julia of Corsica; Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Heracleopolis, and Ten Companions; Martyrs Paul, Thea, and Valentina of Caesarea-in-Palestine; Martyr Antiochus the Physician, of Sebaste; St. Valentine, Bishop of Trier; Martyr Helier of Jersey; Virgin-martyr Reinaldis and Companions; St. Vitalian, Bishop of Capua; St. Irmengard of Chiemsee, Abbess of Frauenwörth Abbey.

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Julia, Valentina, Anna, and Mitrofan Wasilewski (anniversary of birth).

## UPCOMING SERVICES

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

## PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Fr. Sophrony will be away from tomorrow evening until the morning of July 28, 2023. A substitute priest, Fr. Paul Kucynda, shall say Divine Liturgy on next Sunday. In the event of an emergency while Fr. Sophrony is away, please call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-5549 or the nearest Orthodox priest.

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