



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
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JULY 2, 2023 / 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 3)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN MAXIMOVITCH IN TONE SIX

Glorious apostle to an age of coldness and unbelief, / invested with the grace-filled power of the saints of old; / divinely-illuminated seer of heavenly mysteries, / feeder of orphans, hope of the hopeless: / thou didst enkindle / on earth the fire of love for Christ / upon the dark eve of the day of judgment. / Pray now that this sacred flame // may also rise from our hearts!

- *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 THREE

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Prokeimenon in Tone One: My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, for such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

ALLELUIA IN TONE THREE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

v. The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (10:9-16)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

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!

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on July 2: St. John (Maximovitch) the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco; St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem; St. Photius, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Russia; St. Stephen the Great, Prince of Moldavia; Martyrs Martinian and Processus of Rome; St. Swithun the Wonderworker, Bishop of Winchester; Placing of the Venerable Robe of the All-Holy Theotokos at Blachernae.

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of V. Rev. Archimandrite Anthony Falsarella, offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer, and Juana Ramirez, offered by the Wasilewski Family.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Fr. Sophrony will be away from the evening of July 17, 2023 until the morning of July 28, 2023. A substitute priest shall say Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 23, 2023. In the event of an emergency while Fr. Sophrony is away, please call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-6604 or the nearest Orthodox priest.

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