



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### June 11, 2023 / First Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

#### TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, / Thy church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. / She cries to Thee, O Christ God: / Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, / Grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls!

#### TROPARION OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW & BARNABAS IN TONE THREE

Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas, / entreat the merciful God // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. 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.*

#### KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs, / As the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. / Through the Theotokos, and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace!

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

*v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.*

**Second Prokeimenon in Tone Four:** God is wonderful in His Saints, the God of Israel.

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)**

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are

surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles.*

*v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all.*

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)**

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

### COMMUNION HYMN

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

### TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on June 11th: **Synaxis of All Saints**. Apostle Bartholomew; Apostle Barnabas of the Seventy; St. Barnabas, Abbot of Vetluga; Hieromartyr Metrophanes (Chang Tsi-chung) and Chinese Martyrs of the Boxer Rebellion.

### TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Andrew and Juliana Bacsik offered by Russell and Andrea Wyskanycz.

### TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Daniel Grudinoff (anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Louis J. Royer. **St. John's Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angelo Mario Cusano (70th anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Antonetta Cusano.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

*"God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but He does what is still more wonderful: He makes saints out of sinners."*  
– Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)