



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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MARCH 19, 2023 / 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (TONE 7)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

- *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.*

KONTAKION OF HOLY CROSS IN TONE SEVEN

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; / it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. / The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; / for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: // “Enter again into Paradise!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So, also, Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, today I have begotten You.” As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is shamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you at there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

- “*All Creation Rejoices in Thee ...*” is sung instead of “*It is Truly Meet ...*”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on March 19th: Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria of Rome, and Companions; St. Innocent of Komel and Vologda (a disciple of St. Nilus of Sora); Ss. Apollonius and Leontius, Bishops of Braga; Martyr Pancharius of Nicomedia; Martyr Alcmund of Derby.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Stephen and Deborah Wanko in honor, and for the health, of Nicholas Petronko. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rena Robichaud. **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of Daria Heaney (first anniversary of repose).

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Friday) – Vigil w. Lity [*Holy Annunciation*]

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Vespers Divine Liturgy [*Holy Annunciation*]

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Today’s Deanery Lenten Vespers is at St. Vladimir Church in Trenton, N.J. at 4:00 PM.

(2) Next Sunday’s Deanery Lenten Vespers is at Holy Virgin Assumption Church in Clifton, N.J. at 5:00 PM.

(3) The *Osanna Chamber Ensemble* is having Lenten concerts of Estonian Orthodox composer Arvo Pärt’s rarely-heard meditation on repentance, “Kanon Pokajanen,” at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 15 E. 97th St., New York (Manhattan), N.Y. on Thursday and Friday at 7:00 PM.

(4) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall today after Divine Liturgy.

(5) All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday or Saturday evening service. Those who are unable attend services on Friday or Saturday evenings may call the Rectory to make arrangements for confession at another time.

(6) Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church's annual Easter Bazaar is being held on Saturday, April 1st from 10 AM to 3 PM. The event will take place in the church hall located at 9 Jeffrie Ave., South River, N.J. The bazaar will feature ethnic Lenten and Paschal foods for sale as well as arts and crafts for the upcoming holiday, and Gift Basket Raffles. For more information, please contact Deb at (609) 918-0249.

"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance."

~ St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (c. 400-461)