



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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MARCH 2, 2025 / SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (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.

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION FROM THE TRIODION IN TONE SIX

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, / Bestower of virtue, / Who teaches the thoughtless and protects the poor, / strengthen and enlighten my heart! / O Word of the Father, / let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: / “Have mercy on me, a transgressor, // O merciful Lord!”

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.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4).

Brethren, you must do this, because you know that the time has come for you to wake up from your sleep. For the moment when we will be saved is closer now than it was when we first believed. The night is nearly over, day is almost here. Let us stop doing the things that belong to the dark, and let us take up weapons for fighting in the light. Let us conduct ourselves properly, as people who live in the light of day—no orgies or drunkenness, no immorality or indecency, no fighting or jealousy. But take up the weapons of the Lord Jesus Christ, and stop paying attention to your sinful nature and satisfying its desires. Welcome those who are weak in faith, but do not argue with them about their personal opinions. Some people's faith allows them to eat anything, but the person who is weak in the faith eats only vegetables. The person who will eat anything is not to despise the one who does not; while the one who eats only vegetables is not to pass judgment on the one who will eat anything; for God has accepted that person. Who are you to judge the servants of someone else? It is their own Master who will decide whether they succeed or fail. And they will succeed, because the Lord is able to make them succeed.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:14-21).

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on March 2nd: *Expulsion of Adam from Paradise*; Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (in Cyprus); Virgin-martyr Euthalia of Sicily; Martyrs Jovinus and Basileus of Rome; St. Quintus, Wonderworker of Phrygia; Martyr Troadius of Neocaesarea; St. Agathon of Egypt; 400 Martyrs slain by the Lombards in Italy; St. Chad, Bishop of Mercia; St. Cynibil (brother of Ss. Chad and Cedd); St. Joachim of Ithaca; St. Arsenius, Bishop of Tver; St. Sabbatius of Tver.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Albert & Vera Royer. **Sanctury Lamp** offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski for the health of Melissa King. **St. John's Cross** offered by Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Macinsky. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rt. Rev. Bishop John (Legky). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angela DiGiovanni. **Sacramental Bread** offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski in memory of Alla Pierce.

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas after Divine Liturgy in memory of Right Rev. Bishop John (Legky) offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer (30th anniversary of repose), in memory of Alla Pierce offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski (40th Day), and in memory of Stephen Pirniak Jr. (8th anniversary of repose) offered by Olga DeMay.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Monday-Thursday) – Great Canon of Repentance
6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos of the Divine Passion
9:30 AM (Saturday) – Memorial Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

(1) A Pan-Orthodox Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers is being held at 4:00 PM on March 9, 2025 at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church (OCA), 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne, New Jersey. A Lenten supper will be held in the lower church hall after service. Please let Fr. Sophrony know if you plan to attend so he can take a head count.

(2) As a fundraising event, our parish is having a flea market on two consecutive Saturdays—March 22 and March 29, 2025. Rather than throwing out items in good condition for which you no longer have any use, consider donating them for the parish flea market. Please bring donated items to church by March 16, 2025. Thank you to all donors and volunteers!

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



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