



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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MARCH 5, 2023 / 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (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 FROM LENTEN TRIODION IN TONE TWO

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. / Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. / Therefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: / “Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world.”

- *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 FROM TRIODION IN TONE EIGHT

No one could describe the Word of the Father; / but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, / and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. // We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!
v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:24-26; 11:32-12:2)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial

of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher 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 FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.

v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.

THE GOSPEL

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

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!” Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

- *“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! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on March 5th: Martyr Conon of Isauria; Martyr Onesimus of Isauria; Martyr Conon the Gardener, of Pamphylia; Virgin Martyr Irais of Antinoe; Martyr Eulogius of Palestine; Martyr Eulampius of Palestine; St. Mark the Ascetic, of Egypt; Saint Hesychius the Faster, of Bithynia; Martyr Olivia of Brescia; St. Eusebius of Cremona, Abbot in Bethlehem; St. Colman of Armagh (disciple of St. Patrick); St. Kieran, Bishop of Saighir; St. Virgilius, Archbishop of Arles.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Albert & Vera Royer. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Macinsky (anniversary of repose). **St. John’s Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Right Rev. Bishop John (Legky). **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angela DiGiovanni. **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Concetta Gloria Royer (anniversary of birth).

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Friday) – Presanctified Liturgy & General Parastas

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers is 4:00 PM today at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 76 Whitehead Ave., South River, New Jersey. Most Rev. Archbishop Michael is officiating. Right Rev. Bishop Thomas of Charleston (Antiochian Archdiocese) is the homilist. See flyer in church vestibule.

(2) Next Sunday's Deanery Lenten Vespers is at St. Gregory the Theologian Church in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. (at 5:00 PM).

(3) Yuriy Galkin's jazz trio will be performing at Buon Appetito in Bayonne on March 7, 2023. Here's a link to the event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-night-at-buon-tickets-549507400427>

(4) The *Osanna Chamber Ensemble* is having lenten concerts at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 15 E. 97th St., New York (Manhattan), N.Y. on March 23rd and 24th at 7:00 PM. These concerts will be an immersive spiritual journey through Estonian Orthodox composer Arvo Pärt's rarely-heard meditation on repentance entitled "Kanon Pokajanen" (canon of repentance).

(5) Mikaela Cordero Hromy and Gabriel Cordero Hromy, the children of Joseph Hromy and Cynthia Cordero, were baptized and chrismated at Ss. Peter & Paul's last Sunday after Divine Liturgy. Многая літа! Many Years!

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

~ Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274)