



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
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MAY 14, 2023 / 5TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA (TONE 4)

PASCHAL VERSES

Priest: Blessed is the kingdom ...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!
(2½x)

Choir: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Great Litany

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

TROPARION FROM PENTECOSTARION IN TONE EIGHT

In the middle of the feast, O Savior, / fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as Thou didst cry to all: / “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” // O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

- *Do not sing the troparion of Apostles Peter and Paul*

KONTAKION FROM PENTECOSTARION IN TONE EIGHT

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith; / she saw Thee, the Water of wisdom and drank abundantly. // She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

ANOTHER KONTAKION FROM PENTECOSTARION IN TONE FOUR

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all, / cried to all in the midst of the feast of the Law: / “Come and draw the water of immortality!” / We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: // “Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!”

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

PASCHAL KONTAKION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of Hades. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming “Rejoice!” to the myrrh-bearing women; / granting peace to Thine apostles, // and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

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!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (11:19-26, 29-30)

In those days, those who had been scattered by the persecution that arose because of Stephen went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but Jews. There were some Cypriots and Cyrenians among them, however, who came to Antioch and began to speak to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The news about them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart, for he was a good man, filled with the holy Spirit and faith. And a large number of people was added to the Lord. Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians. So, the disciples determined that, according to ability, each should send relief to the brothers who lived in Judea. This they did, sending it to the presbyters in care of Barnabas and Saul.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (4:5-42)

He came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the well is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed, the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Christ is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They

went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So, the disciples said to one another, “Could someone have brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘In four months the harvest will be here’? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving his payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me everything I have done.” When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE FOUR

[Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following]

Refrain: The angel cried unto the Lady that is full of grace: / Rejoice, O pure Virgin! And again, I say, rejoice! / For thy Son is risen from the grave on the third day, // and has raised the dead, O ye people, be joyful!

Heirmos: Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, / for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; / dance now and be glad, O Zion, / and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, // in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

AT COMMUNION TO DISMISSAL

Priest: “In the fear of God...”

Choir: “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord...”

Priest: “O God, save Thy people...”

Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead...” *“(sung once, instead of “We have seen the True Light...”)*

Priest: “Always, now and ever...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled...”

At the Dismissal, the Priest says: “Glory to Thee, O Christ...” and the choir sings “Christ is risen from the dead...” (thrice). Priest reads the Dismissal.

Priest: “Through the prayers ...”

Choir: And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on May 14th: Martyr Photina, the Samaritan Woman, and her sons and sisters (Sunday of the Samaritan Woman); Martyrs Isidore and Myrope of Chios; Martyr Pontius of Cimiez; Martyr Maximus; St. Serapion of Egypt; St. Leontius, Patriarch of Jerusalem; First opening of the Relics of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk; St. Nicetas, Bishop of Novgorod, Recluse of the Kiev-Caves; St. Isidore the “Fool-For-Christ,” Wonderworker of Rostov.

NEWS AND EVENTS

(1) St. Tikhon's Monastery is pleased to welcome pilgrims to the annual Memorial Day pilgrimage on May 27-May 29, 2023. For more information, see: [Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage | The Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk \(sttikhonsmonastery.org\)](http://sttikhonsmonastery.org)

(2) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

(3) Our parish is returning to normal administration of Holy Communion with a single spoon on Memorial Day weekend. This advance notice is being given so that parishioners who have not yet received the bivalent booster shot, which is the best way to protect yourself and those around you, may do so before then. Be assured that in the event there should be a major COVID surge in our area, we are prepared to temporarily reinstate the use of multiple spoons.

(4) The offering envelope for Ascension Thursday was inadvertently omitted in this year's envelopes packets. This will be corrected next year, but for this year, place your offering in a plain envelope marked "Ascension."

(5) The Diocesan Young Adult Retreat is being held on Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, 2023, at St. Andrew's Camp, Jewell, New York. To register, visit the webpage at https://nynjoca.org/news_230320_1.html and click on the words, **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

(6) FOCA N.J. District is having a its first Annual Cornhole Tournament and Family Picnic at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in South River, N.J. on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Everyone is welcomed for food, prizes, and fun – more information can be found in the flyer posted in the church vestibule.

(7) George Hook, age 93, of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, and a former parishioner of Ss. Peter & Paul's, passed into blessed repose on April 25, 2023. Вічна Пам'ять! Memory Eternal!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!

*"Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right."
— Isaac Asimov (1920-1992)*

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