



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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NOV. 21, 2021 / ENTRY OF THE VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE (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.

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, / of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. / The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, / in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice and sing to her: / “Rejoice, O Fulfillment // of the Creator’s dispensation!”

- *Do not sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

- *Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

The most pure Temple of the Savior; / the precious Chamber and Virgin; / the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, / is presented today to the house of the Lord. / She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, / therefore, the angels of God praise her: // “Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Prokeimenon in Tone Three: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you

circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

- *Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing in tone four:*

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God / let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. / But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, / praising her in joy with the angel's song: // "Truly, thou art more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

St. John's Cross offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Raymond O. Royer. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Brenda Royer.

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in North America has mandated that November 21, 2021 (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) is "IOCC Sunday," as it has in previous years. Your contributions using the "charity envelope" from your church envelopes will be earmarked for the benefit of the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). For those who don't use church envelopes, a basket will be set out at the end of today's Divine Liturgy.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is being held in the church after today's Divine Liturgy.

PARISH CONFESSIONS

All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast, which may be heard after any Vespers. Confessions may be done without facial masks so long as you are fully vaccinated. Those unable to attend Vespers may call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 to make an appointment.

"O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all your necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine Will that she should help in every kind of necessity."
- *St. Basil the Great (c. 330-379)*