



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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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 GREAT-MARTYR BARLAAM IN TONE FOUR

Armed with youthful fervor, / thou didst endure martyrdom in old age and didst glorify Christ. / Thou didst offer Him thy right hand as a whole burnt offering / and thy holy soul as a blameless sacrifice. // Intercede that all that be granted forgiveness, Great-martyr Barlaam.

- *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.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.
v. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, for He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

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. 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."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on November 19th: Prophet Obadiah; Great-martyr Barlaam of Caesarea-in-Cappadocia; Ss. Barlaam the Monk and Prince Joasaph of India; Martyr Heliodorus of Pamphylia; Martyr Azes of Isauria and 150 Soldiers with him; Martyrs Severinus, Exuperius, and Felician of Vienne; St. Anastasius II, Pope of Rome; St. Patroclus of Bourges; St. Egbert, Archbishop of York; St. Hilarion the Wonderworker, Monk of Thessalonica; St. Philaret (Drozdov), Metropolitan of Moscow; St. Barlaam, Abbot of the Kiev Near Caves.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Brenda Royer and Raymond Royer.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Monday) – Great Vespers w. Lity [*Entry of Virgin Mary into the Temple*]

9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy [*Entry of Virgin Mary into the Temple*]

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) The Annual Parish Meeting is being held in the church hall after today's Divine Liturgy. Today's "Social Hour" is sponsored by the Parish Council.

(2) The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in North America has mandated, as it has in the past, that the Sunday before Thanksgiving is "IOCC Sunday." Your contributions using the "charity envelope" from your church envelopes will be earmarked for the benefit of IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities). For those who don't use church envelopes, put your offering in a plain envelope marked "IOCC Sunday." A basket will also be set out after today's Divine Liturgy.

(3) Our parish's FOCA chapter asks for your support in collecting gift cards, in any denomination, usable at Amazon, Target, Walmart, Kohl's, and Barnes & Noble, for its annual "St. Nicholas Wish List Program," which will fulfill the Christmas wishes of seminarian families at our OCA seminaries. Thank you for your generosity!

(4) All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast, which may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend Vespers may call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 to make an appointment.

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



ShopRite, Stop & Shop, and Acme gifts cards available for purchase in the church vestibule.