



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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TODAY'S SAINTS

Afterfeast of the Entry of the Virgin Mary into the Temple; Apostles Philemon and Archippus of the Seventy, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and St. Onesimus (disciple of St. Paul); Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, of Rome; Martyr Procopius the Reader, of Caesarea-in-Palestine; Martyr Menignus the Tanner, of Parium; St. Agabbas of Syria; St. Michael the Soldier, of Bulgaria; St. Callistus Xanthopoulos of Mount Athos; Martyr Maurus of Rome; St. Pragmatius, Bishop of Autun; St. Christian, Bishop of Auxerre; St. Tigridia, Abbess of San Salvador de Oña; St. Deiniol the Younger, Abbot of Bangor Abbey; St. Sabinian, Abbot of Moutier-Saint-Chaffre; Martyrs Michael, Prince of Tver, and Yaropolk, Prince of Vladimir-in-Volhynia

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.

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."

- *Now 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 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!"

- *Both now and ever, and unto 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 SEVEN

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

v. *To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

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 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 praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High.*

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

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."

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET"

The angels, beholding the entrance of the all-immaculate one, were overtaken by surprise: how hath the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since thou art the living temple of God, O Theotokos, no impure hand shall touch thee, but let the lips of believers praise thee, and cry joyfully unto thee forevermore with the voice of the angel: "O undefiled Virgin, thou art more exalted than all creatures!"

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!

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Brenda Royer. **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Raymond Omer Royer.

IOCC SUNDAY

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in North America has designated this Sunday to mark the ministry of International Orthodox Christian Charities, or IOCC, whose mission is to serve people in need worldwide. In recognition of IOCC Sunday, there shall be a collection basket put out at dismissal today. Please show your care for people facing war, famine, disease, natural disasters, and economic hardship by contributing to today's special collection. Thank you for your generosity!

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.”
– Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936)