



## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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### **OCTOBER 13, 2024 / 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 7)**

#### 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 HOLY FATHERS IN TONE

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, / Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; 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!*

**Prokeimenon in Tone Four:** Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:1-10).**

Brethren, we then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews ((13:7-16).**

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

### 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.*

*v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:5-15).**

“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

#### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13).**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the upright! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

**Commemorated on October 13:** Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council; Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica of Pergamum; Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica; Martyr Benjamin the Deacon, of Persia; St. Nicetas the Confessor, of Paphlagonia; Martyrs Faustus, Januarius, and Martial of Cordoba; St. Romulus, Bishop of Genoa; St. Gerald of Aurillac; St. Simpert the Confessor, Bishop of Augsburg; St. Coloman of Stockerau; St. Regimbald, Bishop of Speyer; New Martyr Zlata of Bulgaria; St. Benjamin of the Kiev-Caves.

## TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Maxim Szewczyk offered by the Suchowacki Family.

## TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Anna Wasilewski (anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Helen Wanko in memory of Helen Grudinoff (anniversary of birth).

## UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

## PARISH & LOCAL NEWS

(1) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall today after Divine Liturgy. There will also be a Social Hour in the church hall before the meeting.

(2) Today the miraculous icon of St. Anna from St. Tikhon's Monastery will be visiting Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church, 35 Orange Ave., Clifton, New Jersey. A Prayer Service of Anointing will begin at 4:00 PM. The church parking lot is four doors down on Orange Ave. on the right. Refreshments will be served in the church hall following the service.

(3) The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Dinner - NJ Deanery will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Avenue, South River, New Jersey. Meet other donors and learn how the DDB donations have furthered Diocesan Initiatives. All parishioners are invited, even if you hadn't made a DDB donation this year.

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