



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER 22, 2023 / 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 3)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. ABERCIUS IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst emulate the zeal of the Apostles / and shone forth like a morning star, / and thy works showed thy God-given power: / thou didst guide the erring to God, // O hierarch Abercius.

TROPARION OF SEVEN SLEEPERS IN TONE FOUR

Thy seven holy martyrs, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercession, save our souls!

- *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 THREE

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not

immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

ALLELUIA IN TONE THREE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

COMMUNION HYMN

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on October 22nd: St. Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis, "Equal of the Apostles"; Holy "Seven Sleepers" of Ephesus; Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Adrianopolis, and Companions; St. Lot of Egypt; St. Mellonius, first Bishop of Rouen; Monk-martyr Bertharius, Abbot of Monte Cassino Abbey, and Companions; St. Donatus, Bishop of Fiesole; Commemoration of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God and the deliverance from the Poles (in 1612).

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Stephen Brelinsky (anniversary of repose).

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2023.

(2) Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in South River, N.J. is having its annual Fall Ethnic Festival, on Saturday, October 28th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, in the Church Hall located at 9 Jeffrie Ave., South River, N.J. Free ethnic

entertainment will be provided and will feature lots of great food (such as stuffed cabbage, pierogies, kielbasa and sauerkraut, and desserts etc.). There will also be many great tricky tray raffle baskets to try your luck with!
(3) Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Roseland, N.J. is having Dr. Philip Mamalakis from Holy Cross School of Theology as a guest lecturer on Saturday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m. The lecture's title is *Connecting the Church and the Home*. Admission is free and there is a complimentary dinner that evening. If you are interested, please RSVP to Mark Adams at mark.robert.adams@gmail.com by November 5th. See flyer in church vestibule.

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