



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER 25, 2020 / TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 3)

TODAY'S SAINTS

Great-martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher [*transferred from Oct. 26*]; St. Tabitha the Widow (whom the Apostle Peter raised from the dead); Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople; Martyr Anastasia the Fuller, of Salona; St. Martyrius the Deacon, Recluse of the Kiev-Caves; St. Gaudentius, Bishop of Brescia; Ss. Front and George, Bishops and Apostles of Périgueux; Martyr Minias of Florence; Martyrs Crispinus and Crispinianus of Soissons; Martyrs Protus and Januarius of Sardinia; St. Lupus, Bishop of Bayeux; St. Goznoivius, Bishop of Léon in Brittany; Ss. Fructus, Valentine, and Engratia of Ségulveda

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

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

TROPARION OF ST. DEMETRIUS IN TONE THREE

The world has found you to be a great defense against tribulation / and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer. / As you bolstered the courage of Nestor, / who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaïos in battle, / Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and 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!

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

THE EPISTLE

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

Brethren, for I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have

heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (2:1-10)

My child Timothy, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

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!

v. The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied.

THE GOSPEL

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

“There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (15:18-16-2)

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But all this they will do to you on my account, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It is to fulfil the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause.’ But when

the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning. “I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered John and Helen Wanko in memory of Helen Grudinoff (anniversary of repose).

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting shall be held on Sunday, November 15, 2020 after the 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, *in the church (not the church hall)*.

IN MEMORIAM

On Monday morning, October 19, 2020, His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius (Lazor), former Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, fell into blessed repose in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania after an extended illness. He was the Primate of the Orthodox Church in America from 1977 until his retirement in 2002. Memory Eternal! Вічна Пам'ять!

NEXT WEEK’S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“The more man mediates upon good thoughts, the better will be his world and the world at large.”
– Confucius (551-479 BC)