

Saints Peter and Paul
Orthodox Catholic Church
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Today's Services - March 16, 2014
2nd Sunday of Lent (Tone 5)
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica

Today's Saints

Martyr Sabinus of Egypt; Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, Bishop of Britain; Hieromartyr Alexander, Pope of Rome; Martyr Papas of Lycaonia; Martyr Julian of Anazarbus; Hieromartyrs Trophimus and Thallus of Laodicea; St. Vitus; St. Christodulus the Wonderworker of Patmos

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 & Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 & John 10:9-16 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

In Prayerful Remembrance

Please pray for the health of Metropolitan Philip Saliba of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, who suffered a heart attack last Sunday.

Upcoming Services

March 19, 2014

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

March 21, 2014

6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos Hymn to the Divine Passion

March 22-23, 2014

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: “Coffee Hour” after today’s divine services – all parishioners and visitors are welcome! Lenten confessions may be heard after any Friday evening Akathistos or Saturday evening Great Vespers services. Confessions at other times are by appointment. The next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Joint Pre-Sanctified Liturgy: The Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts shall be jointly celebrated by Ss. Peter & Paul’s and St. Mary’s on Wednesday, March 26th (at St. Mary’s) and Wednesday, April 9th (at Ss. Peter & Paul’s). Service starts at 7:00 PM on both dates.

Deanery Lenten Vespers: Today’s Lenten Vespers for the Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas is at St. Gregory Palamas Church, 5 Church St., Glen Gardner, N.J. at **6:00 PM**. Bishop Michael of New York will be the homilist. Next Sunday’s Lenten Vespers will be at Christ the Savior Church, 365 Paramus Road, Paramus, N.J. at 4:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The next meeting is Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION FOR ST. GREGORY PALAMAS IN TONE EIGHT

O Star of Orthodoxy, support of the Church and its teacher, O comeliness of ascetics, and incontestable champion of those who speak in theology, Gregory the wonder-worker, the pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, implore thou constantly for the salvation of our souls.

- *Now sing the Troparion for Ss. 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.*

KONTAKION FROM THE LENTEN TRIODION IN TONE FOUR

Now is the time for action! Judgment is at the doors! So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: “Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea; but forgive us, O Master of all, so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!”

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Second Prokeimenon in Tone 1: My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

“In the beginning, Thou, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end.” But to what angel has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for

the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (7:26-8:2)

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic – "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (10:9-16)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, once who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the world catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep,

and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

v. The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!