

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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Sunday, May 11, 2014 – 4th Sunday of Pascha (Tone 3)

Sunday of the Paralytic

Today's Saints

Ss. Cyril & Methodius, “Equal-to-the-Apostles” and Enlighteners of the Slavs; Hieromartyr Mocius the Presbyter, of Amphipolis; Hieromartyr Anthimus of Rome; St. Joseph, Metropolitan of Astrakhan; St. Nicodemus, Archbishop of Serbia; St. Rostislav, Prince of Great Moravia

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 & Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: John 5:1-15 & Matthew 5:14-19 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Donations

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of Katharyn Yendrey. Sacramental Wine offered by Mary Mainesky in memory of John & Katharyn Yendrey. St. John's Cross offered by Theresa Cimboic in memory of Joseph Cimboic. Triple Candelabra offered by Eva Benda in memory of Benedict Benda. St. Nicholas' Cross offered by Larissa, Matt, Ken & Danielle in memory of June Bianchini. Altar Votives and Eucharistic Bread offered by Russell and Andrea Wyskanycz in memory of Juliana Bacsik.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Happy Mother's Day! Fr. Sophrony shall be away from May 12 (evening) until May 24 (morning). A substitute priest shall say the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 18, 2014 as scheduled. Emergency needs for a priest should be referred to Fr. John Fencik of St. Mary's at (201) 779-6604 while Fr. Sophrony is away, or the nearest available Orthodox priest. The summer schedule of morning services at 9:00 AM begins on Sunday, May 25, 2014.

Carpathian Club: The club's next monthly meeting is Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Memorial Day Pilgrimage: The 110th annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania is scheduled for May 23-26, 2014. A link to a detailed schedule of service (PDF) can be found at www.oca.org – the official website of the OCA.

Upcoming Services

May 18, 2014

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, May 11, 2014 (Tone 3)

Fourth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic

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Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (*two and a half times*)

- *The Choir then sings “. . . and upon those in the tombs bestowing life,” and the Liturgy continues with the Great Litany.*
- *Now sing these troparia in the following order:*

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS IN TONE FOUR

Cyril and Methodius, inspired by God, you became Equals-to-the-Apostles by your life. As you were teachers of the Slavs, intercede with the Master of all, that He may strengthen all Orthodox peoples in the true faith; that He may grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our souls!

- *Now sing the troparion of 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 OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

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 this 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.

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. Thy priests shall be clothed in righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you

to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (5:14-19)

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one stroke will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

MEGALYNARION FOR PARALYTIC SUNDAY IN TONE ONE

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

We believers in unison bless thee, O Virgin, crying: Rejoice, O gate of the Lord. Rejoice, O living city. Rejoice, O thou from whom didst rise upon us from the dead the Light of Resurrection, He Who wast born of thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS IN TONE EIGHT

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" once.*

AT THE DISMISSAL

At the Dismissal, the Priest intones: "Glory to Thee, O Christ . . .," and the Choir sings "Christ is risen from the dead . . ." (thrice).

At the closing of the Royal Doors, the Choir sings "And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His resurrection on the third day."