

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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Sunday, July 20, 2014 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

Holy Prophet Elijah; Martyr Maria (Skobtsova); St. Abramius of Galich (disciple of St. Sergius of Radonezh); Uncovering of Relics of St. Athanasius, Abbot of Brest-Litovsk

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 & St. James 5:10-20 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 & Luke 4:22-30 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Donations

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in honor of Wilfred Royer's ninetieth birthday.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: After today's Liturgy there is a buffet in honor of Wilfred Royer's 90th Birthday and Philip Benda's tonsure to the rank of reader (and blessing to serve as "acting subdeacon") after Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

"R" Club Events: On July 25-28, 2014 the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America ("R" Club) is having its National Convention in Gettysburg, PA.

Rector's Vacation: Fr. Sophrony will be away in New Hampshire from July 28-August 4, 2014. A substitute priest shall celebrate the Divine Liturgy on August 3, 2014. In the event there is an emergency need for a priest, please call Fr. John Fencik at (201) 779-6604, or the nearest available Orthodox priest.

Upcoming Services

July 26-27, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, July 20, 2014
Tone 5 / Holy Prophet Elias (Elijah) the Tishbite

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 OF PROPHET ELIAS IN TONE FOUR

O angelic of body, pillar of the prophets and their cornerstone, the second forerunner of the coming of Christ, the venerable and glorious Elias, thou didst send grace from on high to Elisha to dispel sicknesses and purify lepers. Wherefore, he overflows with healing to those who honor him.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul.*

KONTAKION OF PROPHET ELIAS IN TONE TWO

Prophet Elias of great renown, seer of the mighty works of God, by your command you held back the rain! Pray for us to the only Lover of mankind!

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTION KONTAKION IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, and we cry to Thee, "O Lord, save us!"

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 (Tone 4): *Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.*

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (12:6-14)

Brethren, having then taken gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. James (5:10-20)

Brethren, take as an example of suffering and patience the prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. Behold, we call those blessed who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but let your yes be yes and your no be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be

healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elias was a man of like nature with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit. My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

v. Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel was among those who called on His name.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (4:22-30)

So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard one in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows here is Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian. So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.*

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!