

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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December 7, 2014 – 4th Sunday of Advent (Tone 1)

Today's Saints

St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan; Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia; St. Gregory, Founder of Gregoriou Monastery (Mt. Athos); St. Paul the Obedient; St. Philothea of Thrace, Protectress of Romania

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Helen Grudinoff (40th Day), and in memory of Paraska Suchowacki offered by Melania Turkiewicz, and in memory of Salvador Nasri and Alberto Nasri offered by Cibeles Nasri and Gary Heir

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Donations

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Olga DeMay (anniversary of repose). **Sacramental Bread & Wine** offered by Theodore and Valentina Benda in memory of Marianne Benda.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Confessions may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend a Vespers will need to call the Rectory to arrange an appointment. The next parish council meeting is Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The baptism of Eric Theodore Musteata is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 11:00 AM. Fr. Sophrony is leaving for Puerto Rico on December 17th and will return on December 24th. A substitute priest will say Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 21st. Emergencies should be directed to Fr. John Fencik at (201) 779-6604 while Fr. Sophrony is away.

Carpathian Club: The club's next meeting is Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Upcoming Services

December 13-14, 2014 (5th Sunday of Advent)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 PM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 07, 2014

Tone 1 / 4th Sunday of Advent

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF ST. AMBROSE IN TONE FOUR

In truth thou wast revealed to thy flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; thy humility exalted thee; thy poverty enriched thee. O Hierarch Father Ambrose, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE ONE

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: “Thou art the Giver of resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:9-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus

answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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