

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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December 14, 2014 – 5th Sunday of Advent (Tone 2)

Today's Saints

Holy Forefathers of Christ; Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Callinicus of Apollonia;
Martyrs Philemon, Apollonius, Hypatius, and Arrianus of Alexandria

Today's Services

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

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)
Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Donations

Seven-Day Altar Vigils donated by Andrea and Russell Wyskanycz in memory
Juliana and Andrew Bacsik.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: 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. Confessions may be heard after the Vigil Service on Christmas Eve, or call the Rectory for an appointment.

Carpathian Club: The club's next meeting is Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The Carpathian Club invites our parishioners and visitors on Christmas to join them in the club's hall after Divine Liturgy for the club's annual Christmas Social.

Upcoming Services

December 21, 2014 (Sunday before Nativity)

9:30 PM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 14, 2014

Tone 2 / Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ

Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus of Apollonia;
Martyrs Philemon, Apollonius, Hypatius and Arrianus of Alexandria

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save 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 PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a new-born babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and

I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!