

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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January 4, 2015 – Sunday Before Theophany (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

Synaxis of the Holy Apostles of the Seventy; St. Theoctistus, Abbot of Cucomo in Sicily; Martyr Euthymius & His Companions of Vatopedi Monastery on Mt. Athos

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, offered by Tais Fedetz

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Please take notice of the schedule for house blessings on January 10-11, 2015 in the January issue of “Quo Vadis.” For changes in the schedule, or cancellations/additions, please call the Rectory by Jan. 6, 2015. January 1st was the tenth anniversary of Fr. Nicholas Fedetz’s repose. Please join us in prayerful remembrance of him at the Parastas following today’s Divine Liturgy. The installation ceremony of the Parish Council is taking place today at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy. Thank you to the Parish Council members for their service to the Church. The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The Carpathian Club’s next meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 8:00 PM.

Upcoming Services

January 5-6, 2015 (Holy Theophany)

6:00 PM (Monday) – Vigil w. Lity

9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water

January 10-11, 2015 (Sunday After Theophany)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 04, 2015

Tone 5 / Sunday before Theophany of Christ

Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles; St. Theoctistus, Abbot of Cucomo in Sicily;
Martyr Euthymius & His Companions of Vatopedi Monastery on Mount Athos

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 THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

Make ready, O Zebulon, and prepare, O Nephtali, and thou, River Jordan, cease thy flow and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized. And thou, Adam, rejoice with the first mother, and hide not yourselves as ye did of old in paradise; for having seen thee naked, He appeared to clothe thee with the first robe. Yea, Christ hath appeared desiring to renew the whole creation.

TROPARION OF THE SEVENTY APOSTLES IN TONE THREE

Holy Apostles of the Seventy entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit*

RESURRECTIONAL 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!

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan, crying to John and saying, Be not dismayed at my Baptism; for I have verily come to save Adam, the first to be created.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!

v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy. (4:5-8)

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us!

v. That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

COMMUNION HYMN

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