

# Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

*(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)*

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## April 19, 2015 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha: St. Thomas Sunday

### Today's Saints

St. John of Old Lavra in Palestine; Martyrs Christopher, Theonas, and Anthony at Rome; Hieromartyr Paphnutius, Bishop of Jerusalem; St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Antioch-in-Pisidia; St. Tryphon, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Alphege of Winchester, Archbishop of Canterbury; St. Nicephorus, Abbot of Catabad; Monk-martyr Agathangelus of Esphigmenou (Mount Athos); St. Symeon of Philotheou (Mount Athos)

### Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Cathryn Christensen offered by Cecilia Anciello

### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)*

*Gospel: John 20:19-31 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)*

### Today's Special Offerings

**St. John's Cross** offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Stephen Pirniak (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Anna Pirniak (anniversary of birth).

### Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* Graves at Graceland Cemetery in Kenilworth shall be blessed on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 10:00 AM. The Parish Council is meeting on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. Our annual "Spaghetti & Meatball" dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$20 per person—see Stephen Wasilewski or Marge Kovach.

*Other Events:* The Carpathian Club is meeting on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 PM. The Sixth Annual Wine Tasting to benefit the I.O.C.C. is being held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at St. Anthony's Orthodox Church, 385 Ivy Lane, Bergenfield, N.J. For information and reservations, see flyer posted on the bulletin board. Archbishop Michael's fifth anniversary of episcopate will be observed on Saturday, May 9, 2015 – see flyer posted on the bulletin board.

### In Memoriam

William Sagosz, age 95, of Tinton Falls, N.J., passed into blessed repose on April 13, 2015. Memory Eternal!

## Upcoming Services

### April 25-26, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

## Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, April 19, 2015

### Second Sunday of Pascha/Sunday of St. Thomas the Apostle (Tone 1)

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- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.” Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Troparion:*

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

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death . . .

- *The Choir then sings “And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!” and the Divine Liturgy continues with the Great Litany.*
- *After the Little Entrance, sing these Troparia in the following order:*

#### TROPARION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN

While the tomb was sealed, Thou didst shine forth from it, O Life. While the doors were closed, Thou didst come in to Thy Disciples, O Christ God, Resurrection of all, renewing in us through them an upright spirit, according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

- *Do NOT sing the troparion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*
- *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 THREE

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!  
*v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!*

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (5:12-20)**

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the Apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, “Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*  
*v. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.*

#### THE GOSPEL

##### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,

“Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe.” Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

#### MEGALYNARION OF PASCHA

*The Angel cried to the Lady, Full of Grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say, Rejoice! Thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all you people!*

Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on thee! Exalt now and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Theotokos, in the Resurrection of Thy Son!

#### COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing “Christ is Risen” ONCE.*
- *At Liturgy Dismissal: When priest says “Glory to Thee, O Christ . . .” the Choir responds with “Christ is Risen” THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*