

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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April 26, 2015 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha: Holy Myrrhbearing Women (Tone 2)

Today's Saints

St. Joseph of Arimathea and Righteous Nicodemus; Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea and Virgin-martyr Glaphyra; St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm; St. Cletus, Pope of Rome; St. Paschasius Radbertus; St. Riquier, Abbot of Celles

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 Louisa & Jose Santer

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Offerings

St. Nicholas' Cross offered by Elizabeth Zuber in memory of Michael Zuber (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Eva DeMay (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: 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.

“R” Club: The “R” Club’s excursion to the Broadway Theatre in New York City for the Broadway performance of “Dr. Zhivago” is next Sunday, May 3, 2015. The matinee performance is at 3:00 PM, and there will be a “meet and greet” with the cast and crew after the performance. This event is for the benefit of the St. Tikhon’s Married Student Housing project.

Other Events: Archbishop Michael’s fifth anniversary of episcopate will be observed on Saturday, May 9, 2015 – see flyer posted on the bulletin board. The Diocesan Liturgical Music Conference is being held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers, NY – go to www.nynjoca.org for information and registration.

Upcoming Services

May 2-3, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, April 26, 2015
3rd Sunday of Pascha (Tone 2): Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women
Pious Joseph of Arimathea & Righteous Nicodemus

Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea & Virgin-martyr Glaphyra; St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm; St. Cletus, Pope of Rome; St. Paschasius Radbertus; St. Riquier, Abbot of Celles

- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.”*

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!*
- *Sing these troparia in the following order:*

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 JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA IN TONE TWO

The pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, embalmed it with ointment, provided for it, and laid it in a new tomb. But Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

Verily, the angel came to the tomb and said to the myrrh-bearing women, myrrh is meet for the dead, but Christ is shown to be remote from corruption. But cry ye: The Lord is risen, granting the world the Great Mercy.

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

KONTAKION OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

Thou didst command the myrrh-bearing women to rejoice, O Christ God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. Thou didst command them to preach to the Thine Apostles: “The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

- *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 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 the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. O Lord, Thou hast been grace to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.
v. Mercy and truth and met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.*

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

COMMUNION HYMN OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the fountain of immortality. 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.*