

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(*a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America*)
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July 12, 2015 – 6th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

St. Vladimir, Great Prince of Kiev, “Equal-to-the-Apostles,” and Enlightener of the Russian Lands; Martyrs Proclus & Hilary of Ancyra; St. Veronica (Bernice), a woman healed by Jesus Christ (Matt. 9:20); St. Michael of Maleinus; Martyr Golinduc of Persia; Martyr Theodore the Varangian, and his son, Martyr John, of Kiev; St. Viventius, Archbishop of Lyons; St. Ansbald, Abbot of Prum

Today's Divine Services

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

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 & Galatians 1:11-19 (see Bulletin Insert for Readings)
Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 & John 10:1-9 (see Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Offerings

Seven-day Altar Vigils offered by Christopher Bygonaise for a safe pilgrimage.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Reservations are now being taken for Fr. Sophrony's 25th Anniversary Luncheon on August 30, 2015 – contact Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765 by August 15, 2015.

Carpathian Club: The club's next meeting is Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 8:00 PM.

Upcoming Services

July 18-19, 2015 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, July 12, 2015

Tone 5 / Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Vladimir, Great Prince of Kiev and “Equal-to-the-Apostles” (transferred from July 15)

Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra; St. Veronica (Bernice), the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by our Lord (Matt. 9:20); Martyr Golinduc of Persia; St. Michael of Maleinus; Martyr Theodore the Varangian, and his son, Martyr John, of Kiev; St. Viventius, Archbishop of Lyons; St. Ansald, Abbot of Prum

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 ST. VLADIMIR IN TONE FOUR

Holy Prince Vladimir, you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls. By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, you found Christ, the priceless Pearl. He appointed you to be another Paul, washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness. We celebrate your memory, asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Russia, and for us, your spiritual children.

- Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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 all cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Second Prokeimenon in Tone Three: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, but I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(1) v. *I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.* (2) v. *Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; and My truth will be prepared in the heavens.* (3) v. *I have exalted one chosen out of My people.*

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He then said to the paralytic—“Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (10:1-9)

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which he spoke to them. Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!