

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

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July 19, 2015 – 7th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 6)

Today's Saints

Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council; St. Macrina (sister of St. Basil the Great); St. Dius of Antioch; Uncovering of the Relics of St. Seraphim of Sarov; St. Stephen Lazarevic, Prince and Despot of Serbia, and his mother, St. Militsa; St. Symmachus, Pope of Rome; Virgin-martyrs Justa and Rufina of Seville; Martyr Aurea of Cordoba

Today's Divine Services

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

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 & Hebrews 13:7-16 (see Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35 & John 17:1-13 (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: 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 annual picnic is Sunday, September 20th from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Tickets are \$17 (advance purchase) and \$20 (at the door). See Stephen Wasilewski for information and tickets.

Upcoming Services

July 25-26, 2015 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, July 19, 2015 (Tone 6) **Sunday of the Holy Fathers of Fourth Ecumenical Council**

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

- 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.

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SIX

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed the resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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!

Second Prokeimenon in Tone Four: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)

Brethren, we then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God in Whom I trust."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel.” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You have given Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I came to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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