



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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September 17, 2023 / 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 6)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

TROPARION OF MARTYR SOPHIA ET AL. IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst blossom in the courts of the Lord / as a fruitful olive tree, / O holy martyr Sophia; / in thy contest thou didst offer to Christ the sweet fruit of thy womb, / thy daughters Faith, Hope, and Love. // Together with them intercede for us all!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

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 resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, / granting them victories over their adversaries // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!

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

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

Brethren, for it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.

v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-0)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (22:1-14)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE EIGHT

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, / who, though untitled, hast brought forth Christ; / through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. / Now at its Exaltation, / as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of “We have seen the true light ...,” we sing the festal troparion, followed by “Let our mouths be filled ...*

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on September 17: *Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross*. Martyr Sophia of Rome and her daughters, Martyrs Faith, Hope, and Love; Martyr Theodota at Nicaea; Martyr Agathocleia; 156 Martyrs of Palestine; Martyrs Lucy and Geminian of Rome; Martyrs Socrates and Stephen of Britain; St. Satyrus of Milan (brother of St. Ambrose of Milan); Martyr Columba of Cordoba.

TODAY’S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Wilfred J. Royer, Donald G. Royer, and Anastasia Sahonchik.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Wilfred J. Royer (9th anniversary of repose). **St. John’s Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Donald G. Royer (10th anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Anastasia Sahonchik (20th anniversary of repose).

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall tomorrow at 5:00 PM.

(2) DDB donors are cordially invited to the DDB Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, October 8, 2023, 5:00 PM, at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 605 Washington Avenue, Manville, New Jersey. Bringing family members and parish guests is encouraged. RSVP by Monday, September 25, 2023, to Fr. James Parsells at his email: frjames@sspoc.org or phone (906) 685-1452.

(3) St. Tikhon’s Seminary is planning a Tricky Tray/Basket Raffle fundraiser in Waymart, Pennsylvania on October 28, 2023. The Seminary is asking for your help by donating gift certificates or gift cards, any new merchandise items, or monetary donations to be raffled off at this event. Donations can be picked up or sent to St. Tikhon’s Seminary, PO Box 130, 178 St. Tikhon’s Rd., Waymart, PA 18472. For more information, contact Martha Spreen at martha.spreen@stots.edu or Kathy Kowalczyk at kathy.kowalczyk@stots.edu.

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