



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF ALASKAN MARTYRS IN TONE SEVEN

O bright lamps of the New World / and treasures of the Church in America, / the Alaskan shores rejoice in thy memory, O Juvenaly, / and the city of San Francisco honors thee, O Peter; / for by your precious blood, O Martyrs of the Lord, // the inhabitants of this land have been sanctified.

TROPARION OF PROTOMARTYR THECLA IN TONE FOUR

Thou wast enlightened by the words of Paul, O Bride of God, Thecla, / and thy faith was confirmed by Peter, O Chosen One of God. / Thou becamest the first sufferer and martyr among women, / by entering into the flames as into a place of gladness. / For when thou didst accept the Cross of Christ, / the demonic powers were frightened away. // O all-praised One, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved.

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles 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 SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: The Lord has shown the wonders of His will to the saints who are in His land.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, we then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our

ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (8:28-39)

Brethren, we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their afflictions.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (21:12-19)

before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on September 24: New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut; Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla; St. Anathalon, first Bishop of Milan; St. Copres of Palestine; St. Gerard of Csanád, Apostle of Hungary; St. Vladislav, King of Serbia; St. Stephen, King of Serbia; St. Rusticus, Bishop of Clermont; St. Dorothy of Kashin; St. Nicander, Wonderworker of Pskov; Monk-martyr Galacteon of Vologda; St. Silouan of Mount Athos.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of repose).

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

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

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) On October 15th we will resume having parish social hour after Sunday Divine Liturgy. In preparation for its resumption, there will be a sign-up sheet for sponsoring each week's social hour. Once a month the parish council will sponsor, but for the weeks in between we need parishioners to do so. The October issue of "Quo Vadis" will specify what sponsoring social hour entails. Please note that for those Sundays in which there is no sponsor, there will not be a social hour.

(2) Sunday, October 8, 5:00pm – An appreciation dinner for all Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors (DDB) and interested parties will take place at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 605 Washington Ave., Manville, NJ. Whether or not you participate in the program, you are welcome to attend. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend. Kindly RSVP via email to Fr. James Parsells at frjames@ssppoc.org.

(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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