



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

A parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 / 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 4)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

TROPARION OF ST. ANTHIMUS IN TONE FOUR

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, / thou didst become a successor to their throne. / Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; / by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. // O Hieromartyr Anthimus, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

TROPARION OF ST. THEOCTISTUS IN TONE EIGHT

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, / and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. / By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe. // Our holy Father Theoctistus, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

- *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 FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)

Brethren, watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore, acknowledge such men. The churches of

Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (21:33-42)

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?’ They said to Him, ‘He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on September 3: Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and Companions; St. Theoctistus of Palestine; St. Phoebe the Deaconess, of Cenchreae (near Corinth); Martyr Basilissa of Nicomedia; Hieromartyr Aristion, Bishop of Alexandria; St. Joannicius, first Patriarch of Serbia; Martyr Polydorus of Cyprus; St. Mansuetus, first Bishop of Toul; St. Remaclus, Bishop of Maastricht; St. Hereswith of Chelles (sister of St. Hilda of Whitby); St. Hildebold, first Archbishop of Cologne; Monk-martyrs Aigulphus of Provence, Abbot of Lérins Abbey, and Frugentius, of Fleury Abbey; St. Regulus, Archbishop of Rheims, founder of Orbais Abbey; St. John the Merciful, “Fool-for-Christ” of Rostov.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Vladimir Shishkoff. **Altar Vigils, St. John’s and St. Nicholas’ Crosses, Triple Candelabra, and Sacramental Bread** offered by the Wanko Family in honor of Helen Wanko’s 90th birthday.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Thursday) – Great Vespers w. Lity [*Nativity of BVM*]

9:30 AM (Friday) – Divine Liturgy [*Nativity of BVM*]

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 at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 18, 2023.
- (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.
- (4) The Department of Youth Ministry invites all middle school and high school students to the OCA Diocese of New York & New Jersey's Fall Teen Retreat being held at Frost Valley YMCA Camp, in Claryville, NY from September 15-17th! For information, see https://nynjoca.org/news_230810_1.html.

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