



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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MARCH 14, 2021 / 39TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 7)

TODAY'S SAINTS

Sunday of Forgiveness. St. Benedict of Nursia; St. Theognostus, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia; St. Mathilda of Ringelheim, Queen of Germany; St. Rostislav, Great Prince of Kiev; St. Eusemion the Confessor, Bishop of Lampsacus; 47 Martyrs of Rome; St. Boniface, Bishop of Ross (in Scotland)

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 ST. BENEDICT IN TONE ONE

By your ascetic labors, God-bearing Benedict, / you were proven to be true to your name. / For you were the son of benediction, / and became a rule and model for all who emulate your life and cry: / “Glory to Him who gave you strength! / Glory to Him who granted you a crown! // Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!”

- *Choir sings the troparion of Apostles 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.*

KONTAKION FROM TRIODION IN TONE SIX

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, / Bestower of virtue, / Who teaches the thoughtless and protects the poor, / strengthen and enlighten my heart! / O Word of the Father, / let me not restrain my mouth from crying to Thee: / “Have mercy on me, a transgressor, // O merciful Lord!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, you must do this, because you know that the time has come for you to wake up from your sleep. For the moment when we will be saved is closer now than it was when we first believed. The night is nearly over, day is almost here. Let us stop doing the things that belong to the dark, and let us take up weapons for fighting in the light. Let us conduct ourselves properly, as people who live in the light of day—no orgies or drunkenness, no immorality or indecency, no fighting or jealousy. But take up the weapons of the Lord Jesus Christ, and stop paying attention to your sinful nature and satisfying its desires.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

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.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:14-21)

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be, he shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rena Robichaud (15th anniversary of repose).

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Rena Robichaud, offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

"VIRTUAL SERVICE" POSTPONED

The pre-Lenten "Akathistos Hymn of Repentance in Christ" on YouTube, which was scheduled for Friday, March 12, 2021 at 8:00 p.m., has been indefinitely postponed.

WEEKDAY LENTEN SERVICES

6:00 PM (Monday) – Great Canon of Repentance
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6:00 PM (Thursday) – Great Canon of Repentance

NEXT WEEKEND'S SERVICES

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

"Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are a good reminder that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain a perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love—which is the definition of God. In pursuing that happiness, we find happiness."

– Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979)