

MARCH 11, 2018

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA
REVEREND FATHER NATHAN THOMPSON, PASTOR
REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

“The Lord came to send fire upon the earth (cf. Lk. 12:49), and through participation in this fire He makes divine not just the human substance which He assumed for our sake, but every person who is found worthy of communion with Him.” – St. Gregory Palamas

Welcome. . .to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments this morning after the service is over. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Ss. Peter and Paul.

Third Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of Life-Giving Cross

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns & Procession of the Holy Cross – see music in packet

Troparion of the Holy Cross, Tn. 1, Byzantine; Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 7, Byzantine;
Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Byzantine; Kontakion of Annunciation, Tn. 8; Before Thy Cross:
Megalyrnarion of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; Holy God; Troparion of the Holy Cross; Before Thy Cross.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, “Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee”; as He says also in another place, “Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

Receiving Holy Communion: Only Orthodox Christians prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice “open communion” and has no intercommunion with non-Orthodox churches.

After taking Communion: Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

Today's Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance, but are remembered in the other litanies during the services throughout the week.

For the living: Archps. Moheen, & Jirius; Prs. George, Tom, Ed, Dimitri, Thomas, Stephen, Raphael, Patrick, Simeon; Dn. Richard; Presbe. Mandy, Judy, Maria & Themmi; Sh. Camille-Anna, Stuart, Matthew & Amy, Xavier, John & Darlene, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Nicholas & Nikoletta, Marilyn, Patty, Alexander, Mark & Alisa, Samson, Caitlin Charity, Dane Gabriel, Jameson, Cherice, Charles, Fallyn, James & Cheryl & Dane, Lynne, Judith, Anna, Letitia, Barbara, Daniel, Katie, Romina, Earlene, Stephen, Sarah & Jacob & Lucas, Church of the Annunciation, Rom, Micheline, Michael, Christian, Fares Rano, Kelly, Judy, Helly, Anna Marie & Alex & family, Cicily & Siobhan, Joshua, Stephen & Bethany & family, Thia, Jeff, Michele, Paloma, Julian, Jacob, Elizabeth, Anna, Michael, Anatoliy, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & family, Braden, James, Lauren, Cueva, Jim, Bonnie, Daniel, Bonnie, Rick, Jan, Paul, Matthew, Theresa, Lance, Michele, Caleb.

For the resposed: Newly departed Dn. John, Newly departed Mat. Mary; Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry, David, & John; Hmks. Athanasios & Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph & Michael; Presb. Terry Elizabeth, Tatiana, Lou, Douglas, Lily, Tomara, Rick, Christopher, Stephen, Chris, Dolores, Florence, Judy.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Serenity, Kristy, Jill.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Richard, Shane Jeremiah, David, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Aaron, Zoe, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle.

This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul--March 12-18, 2018

3/12 Mon **6:00 pm – Great Compline**

3/13 Tues **6:00 am – Lenten Orthros**
9:00 am – Morning Prayers
 7:00 pm – Parish Council

3/14 Wed **6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts** followed by Soup Supper fundraiser for summer camp scholarships

3/15 Thurs **6:00 am – Men's Reading Group**
9:00 am – Lenten Orthros
 10:00 am – AOCWNA Book Study

3/16-18 AOCWNA Lenten Retreat @ Camp St. Nicholas

3/16 Fri **6:00 pm – Little Compline w/Akathist**

3/17 Sat **6:00 pm – Great Vespers**
7:00 pm – Compline

3/18 Sun **8:20 am – Orthros**
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Sunday of St. John Chrysostom
10:20 am -- Church School
 Choir rehearsal 20 minutes after Divine Liturgy

Looking Ahead ---

Mar. 19 ***Great Compline***

Mar. 20 ***Lenten Orthros & Morning Prayers***

Mar. 21 ***Little Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew & the Life of St. Mary of Egypt***

****Mar. 22*** ***Lenten Orthros***
Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts & Soup Supper (Note different day)

Mar. 23 ***Little Compline w/Akathist***

Mar. 24 ***Great Vespers w/Litia for Annunciation & Compline***

Mar. 25 ***Annunciation of the Theotokos & Seafood Lunch***
Community Dinner

Mar. 26 ***Great Compline***

Mar. 27 ***Lenten Orthros & Morning Prayers***

Mar. 28 ***Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts & Soup Supper***

Mar. 29 ***Lenten Orthros***

Mar. 30 ***Little Compline w/ Canon of Raising of Lazarus***

Mar. 31 ***Orthros & Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday***
Great Vespers w/Litia for Palm Sunday & Compline