

JANUARY 7, 2018

## SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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REVEREND FATHER NATHAN THOMPSON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

*“The soul should be provided with the word of God. For the word of God, as Gregory the Theologian says, ‘is the bread of angels, which feeds the soul that is hungry for God. But, above all, one should read the New Testament and the Psalter. From this proceeds illumination of the mind. . .’” – St. Seraphim of Sarov*

**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.

### Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist John

New-martyr Athanasios of Attalia; Venerable Brannock of Braunton

#### Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

**Variable Hymns** – see music in packet

Troparion of Theophany, Tn. 1; Troparion of Resurrection, Tn. 6; Troparion of Theophany, Tn. 1; Apolytikion of Synaxis of John the Baptist, Tn. 1; Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4; Kontakion of Theophany, Tn. 4

#### **The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (19:1-8)**

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the Kingdom of God.

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:29-34)**

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of Whom I said, ‘After me comes a man Who ranks before me, for He was before me.’ I myself did not know Him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John bore witness, “I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him; but He Who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on Whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

**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. Alban, Moheen, & Jirius; Prs. Stephen, George, Tom, Raphael, Patrick, Simeon, & Dimitri; Presbs. Mary, Mandy, & Maria; Sh. Camille-Anna, Stuart, Matthew & Amy, Xavier, John & Darlene, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Nicholas & Nikoletta, Patty, Mark & Alisa, Samson, CaitlinCharity, Dane, Jameson, Cherice, Charles, James & Cheryl & Dane, Lynne, Judith, Anna, Letitia, Barbara, Daniel, Katie, Romina, Rebeca, Patrick, Luba, Kathleen, Matt, Valerie, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & family, Braden, Lauren, Evelynnn, Braylin, Don, Betty, Nancy, Stephen, Church of the Annunciation.

***For the resposed:*** Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry, David, John; Hmk. Athanasios; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph & Michael; Presb. Terry Elizabeth, Tatiana, Lou, Christopher, Douglas, Lily, Richard.

***For those who are pregnant and their unborn children:*** Anna Marie, Kristy.

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

### ***This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul***

***Jan 8-14, 2018***

<b>1/9 Tues</b>	<b>6:00 am – Orthros</b>	<b><u>Looking Ahead ---</u></b>
	<b>9:00 am – Morning Prayers</b>	<i>Jan. 16 AOCWNA Akathist &amp; Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall</i>
	9:30 am – AOCWNA Book Study in Fellowship Hall	<i>Jan. 17 Parish Council</i>
	6:30-8:30 pm – Women’s Fellowship @ Lindsay home	<i>Jan. 18 Clergy Meeting &amp; Dinner in Fellowship Hall</i>
<b>1/10 Wed</b>	<b>6:00 pm – Vespers</b>	<i>Jan. 20 Pan Orthodox Great Blessing of Waters for Theophany @ Rio Del Mar Beach—Luncheon to follow @ Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church in Santa Cruz</i>
<b>1/11 Thurs</b>	<b>6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group</b>	
	<b>9:00 am -- Orthros</b>	
<b>1/13 Sat</b>	<b>6:00 pm – Great Vespers</b>	
	<b>7:00 pm – Compline</b>	
<b>1/14 Sun</b>	<b>8:20 am – Orthros</b>	<i>Jan. 24 Paraclesis</i>
	<b>9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – Sunday After Theophany</b>	<i>Jan. 28 Community Dinner</i>
	<b>10:20 am -- Church School</b>	
	Choir rehearsal 20 min. after Divine Liturgy	