

VARIABLES – AUGUST 12, 2018

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“The unattainableness of perfection obliges us all to continually turn to God in prayer for understanding and help.” – Father Sophrony

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.

11th Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Holy Transfiguration, Tn. 7, Byzantine

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ our God, revealing thy glory to thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to thee!

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 2, Byzantine

When Thou didst submit thyself unto death, O thou deathless and immortal One, then thou didst destroy hell with thy Godly pow'r, and when thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto thee: O Christ, thou Giver of life, glory to thee.

Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Byzantine

O Foremost of the Apostles, and teachers of the world, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration, Tn. 7, Byzantine

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendour of the Father.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (9:2-12).

Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the Gospel of Christ.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (18:23-35).

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay me what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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. Mo’een, Jirius & Thomas; Prs. George, Tom, Ed, Dimitri, Stephen, Raphael, Patrick, Simeon; Dn. Richard; Presbe. Mandy, Judy, & Maria; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, Xavier, John & Darlene, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Katie, Alexander, Mark & Alisa, Samson, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Cherice, Fallyn, Jameson, Charles, Anna, James & Cheryl & Dane, Lynne, Joshua, Judith, Letitia, Barbara, Daniel, Romina, Laura, Simon, Ekaterina & Joshua, Teri, Cicily & Siobhan, Anastasia, Cary, Cecilia, Jack, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & family, Braden, James, Evelyn, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Ryan Anne, Lauren.

For the reposed: Met. PHILIP; Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry, David, & John; Hmks. Athanasios & Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael & John; Presb. Terry Elizabeth, Douglas, Lily, Anna, Virgil, Ruth, Ray, Richard, Eleanor, Leonard, Karen, Corky, Harry, Jennie, JohnHenry, Richard, Grace, Diane, Chester, Betty, William.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Sarah, Kyriake, Katie, Nicole, Laurel.

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