

VARIABLES – MAY 28, 2023

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA

REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN

“Since then Christ’s Ascension is our uplifting, and the hope of the body is raised, whither the glory of the Head has gone before, let us exult, dearly-beloved, with worthy joy and delight in the loyal giving of thanks.” ~ St. Leo the Great

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest 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.

After-feast of Ascension

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIOS, BISHOP OF MELITENE; MARTYR HELICONIS OF THESSALONICA

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of Ascension, Tn. 4, Byzantine

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; making them confident through the blessing that thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 6, Byzantine

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers, Tn. 8, Byzantine

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us to the true faith; O most merciful One, 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.

Clergy only - Kontakion of Ascension, Tn. 6, Russian

When Thou hadst fulfilled Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting things on earth with the Heavens, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, departing not hence, but remaining inseparable from us and crying unto them that love Thee: I am with you, and no one can be against you.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which he purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish everyone, night or day with tears. And now,

brethren, I commend you to God and to the world of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thine own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

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.

For the living: Mets. Saba & Joseph; Pr. Stephen & Kh. Sally; Presb. Olga; Shs. Camille-Anna & Valerie; Roger, Mary, Jeff, Michele, Paloma, Julian, Jacob, Michael, Ben, Anna, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Noah, Georgia, Ares, Rudy, Stacy & Anastasia, Joseph, Marianne & John, Timothy, Fiona, Jeremiah, Alexander, Caitlin, Sophia, Jon & Serenity, Rosanna, Rose, Dennis, Euphemia, Dine, Bill, Rick, Jan, Tom, Jim, Bonnie, Jill & Steve, Paul, Matthew, Beverly.

For the reposed: For the newly-departed Lorraine, Grace, Ben, Presb. Zinnia; Met. Philip; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Tom, Stephen, Basil, David, Terry, Andronikos; Hmks. Ephraim, John, Athanasios; Mnk. Simeon; Nun Theophano; Dns. Mark, John, Mark, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Michael, Daniel; Khs. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Presb. Barbara; Demetrios, Helen, Barbara; Stella, Rick, Stephen, Christopher, Dolores, Chris, Rick, Florence, Judy, Ruth Ann, Ronald, James, Lucy, Rickie, Rachel, Jennie, John, Ernie, Suzi.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Monica.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Brycen, Jonathan, David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Don, Scott, Michelle, Noah.