

VARIABLES – JULY 18, 2021

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

“The Love of God will reign within us if we allow ourselves to be guided by God, and we are transformed. The Scriptures liken this transfiguration to light. Are we not called by our Lord the ‘light of the world?’” ~ His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH

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.

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of 4th Ecumenical Council

MARTYR EMILIANOS OF SILISTRIA IN BULGARIA; JOHN, METROPOLITAN OF CHALCEDON; STEPHEN, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 3, Byzantine

Let the havens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depth of hades, granting the world the great mercy.

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 unto 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.

Kontakion of Ordinary Sunday, Tn. 2, Byzantine

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus (3:8-15).

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicos, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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: Newly-illuminated George, Steve & Mary; Prs. Ed, Tom & Kh. Maria, Joshua & Mat. Ekaterina; Dns. Marc, Richard & Sh. Barbara; Sh. Camille-Anna; Matt & Amy, Fiona, Jessica, Hugh, Joshua, Roger, Amy, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, James & family, Karl, Jared, Kurt, Charles, Rebeca, Sophia, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Thompson family, Ellena & family, Cherice & family, Chad, Earlene, Christian, Caleb, Jesse, Andrew, Jonathan, Kendra, Mark, Megan, Andrew, Victoria, Jack, Lucia, Emily, David, Jesse, Duane, Ron, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Kristin, Sherri, Valorie, Ron, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Braden, James, Evelyn, Braylin, Eric, Sabrina, Ebony, Eric, DJ, Branden, Rosanna, Jon & Serenity, Juli, Ronald, Christina, Nicholas, Elias, Charlotte, Ben.

For the reposed: Met. PHILIP; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry, David; Hmks. Athanasios, John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael, John, Mark; Khs. Terry Elizabeth, Doris, Judy; Presb. Barbara; John, James, Daniel, Ruth, Ray, Richard, Leonard, Eleanor, Virgil, Bea, Karen, Larry, Richard.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Jill and the children she bears.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle, Noah.