

VARIABLES – JULY 8, 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

“Just as the bee is attracted by the fragrance of the flower, people will be attracted to a church community by its spiritual beauty and fresh growth. Allow God to prosper your community by His grace, be open to the inquirer and minister to the suffering. In loving others, you allow God to love you all the more.” – 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 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.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Great-Martyr Procopius of Caesarea in Palestine

NEW-MARTYRS THEOPHANES & ANASTASIOS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; VENERABLE THEOPHILOS THE MYRRH-STREAMING OF ST. BASIL KELLI ON ATHOS; PROCOPIUS OF USTUG, FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 5, Kievan

Let us the faithful, praise and worship the Word, Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit. He was born from the Virgin for our salvation. He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection!

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 5, Byzantine

Let us believers praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of St. Procopius the Great Martyr, Tn. 4

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crown of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

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 Sundays, Tn. 2

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 First Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (12:6-14).

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy,

with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

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, Judith, Letitia, Barbara, Daniel, Romina, Laura, Simon, Cicily & Siobhan, Joshua, Anastasia, Christopher & Dominica & Emma, Elias, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & family, Braden, James, Evelyn, 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, Carole.

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

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