

VARIABLES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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“He who does not know the truth cannot truly have faith; for by nature knowledge precedes faith. What is said in Scripture is said not solely for us to understand, but also for us to act upon.” -- St. Hesychios the Priest

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.

Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross

Great Martyr Euphemia the All-praised

Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes of Chalcedon; Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Cross, Tn. 1, Byzantine

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 7, Byzantine

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Euphemia, Tn. 4, Byzantine

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bride-groom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

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 Elevation of the Cross, Tn. 4, Byzantine

Do Thou who of Thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace, and a trophy invincible.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20).

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we

ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1).

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

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 illumined Ethan Marcus, Aubrey Joanna, Autumn Irene; Archps. Mo'een, Jirius, Thomas & Philip; Prs. George, Tom, Ed, Dimitri, Patrick, Simeon; Dn. Richard; Presbe. Mandy, Judy, Maria & Theodora; Sh. Camille-Anna; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, Xavier, John & Darlene, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Katie, Alexander, Samson, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Cherice, Fallyn, Jameson, Charles, Anna, James & Cheryl & Dane, Joshua, Judith, Letitia, Barbara, Daniel, Romina, Laura, Simon, Ekaterina & Joshua, Penny & Family, Teri, Cicily & Siobhan, Veronica, Anastasia, Karen, Gomez Family, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & family, Braden, James, Evelyn, Hector, Gene, Bev, Branden, 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, Kevin, Dean, Samuel, Rory, Patricia.

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.