

VARIABLES – JANUARY 5, 2025

## SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

HIS GRACE BISHOP ANTHONY, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELS AND THE WEST

REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER JOHN CHRISTIANSON

*“When you have been insulted, cursed, or persecuted by someone, do not think of what has happened to you, but of what will come from it, and you will see that your insulter has become the cause of many benefits to you, not only in this age, but in that which is to come.”*

*St. Mark the Ascetic*

**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.

## Paramon of & Sunday Before the Theophany of Christ

MARTYRS THEOPEMPTOS THE BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA & THEONAS THE FORMER MAGICIAN; VENERABLE SYNCLETICA OF ALEXANDRIA; VENERABLE-MARTYR ROMANOS OF ATHOS

### Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – *see music in packet*

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 3, Byzantine

Let the heavens 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 depths of hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion for the Paramon of Theophany, Tn. 4, Byzantine

River Jordan was turned back by Elisseus' mantle once, when the fiery man of zeal Elias had been taken up; then were its waters divided hither and thither. The running streams became dry passage unto him, truly as a sign and type of Baptism, whereby we pas to the other side of the shifting stream of this fleeting life. Christ hath appeared in the Jordan River, to sanctify the waters.

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

O Foremost of the Apostles, teachers of the universe, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Clergy only – Kontakion of the Forefeast of the Theophany, Tn. 4, Byzantine

In the running waters of Jordan River, on this day the Lord of all crieth to John: Be not afraid and hesitate not to baptize Me, for I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (4:5-8).

My child Timothy, be watchful in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the season of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, and I have guarded the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will reward me at that day, and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved His appearing.

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

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send My messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.” John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing

their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**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:** Bp. Anthony; Prs. John, Thomas; Khs. Barbara, Carla; Bill, Betty, Ron, Sally, Kay, Noah, Timothy, Alexander, Jeremiah, Alex, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Atticus, Evelyn, Enrica, Jon & Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Rosanna, Beverly.

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

**For the reposed:** Newly departed Tim; Met. Philip; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Tom, Stephen, Basil, David, Terry; Hmks. Ephraim, John, Athanasios; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Mark, John, Mark, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Michael, Daniel; Khs. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Presbs. Zinnia, Barbara; Boris, Glaphyra; Edward, Judy, Barbara; Emily, Sarah, James, Rick, Amy, Hudson, Jennie, John Henry, Richard, Emma, Henry.

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