

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“What is more necessary for man than God and His divine love? He is our refuge, He is our treasure, He is our food and drink, He is our raiment and shelter, He is our health and strength, He is our happiness and joy, He is our hope and our trust. Strive then, my son, to gain Him. If you succeed in gaining the One God, it will be sufficient for you; you will rejoice more in Him than if you had gained the entire world.” ~ St. Theodora

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

Transfer of the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross Consecration of Resurrection Church in Jerusalem

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—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.

Entrance Hymn of the Feast

Exalt ye the Lord Our God! Worship at His footstool, for He is holy! O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

Anti-Trisagion Hymn

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy resurrection, we glorify. (3x)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen.

And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

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Megalynarion of the Feast, Tn. 8

Thou art a mystical paradise, O Theotokos; without seed, thou hast blossomed Christ, by whom the life-giving tree of the cross was planted on the earth. As we bow down before the cross which is now exalted, we magnify thee.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-24).

Brethren, the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (19:6-1, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35).

At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they came to Pontius Pilate saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no crime in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where art Thou from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, "Wilt Thou not speak to me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to release Thee, and power to crucify Thee?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above."

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement", and in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus and led him away, and He went out, bearing His own Cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew "Golgotha." There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the Cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

Now standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the Disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the Disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the Disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, "It is finished"; and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for the Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true.

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. ***Please stand six feet apart as you wait to take the Eucharist.***

After taking Communion: Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

Procession of the Cross

(see music packet)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. (several times)

Troparion of the Cross, Tn. 1, Byzantine (**1x clergy only; 2x people**)

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Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. (**1x clergy only; 2x people**)

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: Prs. Christopher & Kh. Claire, Simeon, George, Nathan & Khouria Mandy; Dns. Dave & Sh. Karla, Marc, Richard & Sh. Barbara; Shs. Camille-Anna & Valerie; Stuart, Matthew & Amy, John, Fiona, Jessica, Hugh, Joshua, Roger, Amy, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, Kurt, Karl, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Judith, James & family, Jared, Rebeca, Jill, Ekaterina & Joshua, Cherice & family, Caleb, Mark, Eli, Pierre, Ellena & family, Jesse, Jonathan, Jacob & family, Chloe, Brian, Scott, Aimee & Kevin, Celine, Kenneth, Brittany, Jeanette, Jeff, Karlin, Ashley Talia, Montana, Nathan, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Braden, Randall, James, Braylin, Branden, Rosanna, Hudson, Jon & Serenity, Monica, Paloma, Rob & Minja.

For the reposed: Newly-departed Archprs. Michael & Joseph, Archdn. David; Met. PHILIP; Archps. Gordon & Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry & David; Hmks. Athanasios & John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael, John & Mark; Sbdn. Neil; Khs. Terry Elizabeth & Doris; Presb. Barbara; Fouad, Solomon, James, Rachel, Ronald, Jennie, John Henry, Grace, Richard, Stella, Dewitt, Arteline, Albert, James, Rachael.

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

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