



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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MARCH 31, 2024 / 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (TONE 2)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

TROPARION OF ST. INNOCENT IN TONE FOUR

O Holy Father Innocent, / in obedience to the will of God, / thou didst accept dangers and tribulations, / bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. / Thou didst show us the way; / now by thy prayers help lead us // into the Kingdom of Heaven!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTATION FROM TRIODION IN TONE FOUR

Now is the time for action! / Judgment is at the doors! / So let us rise and fast, / offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: / “Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea; / but forgive us, O Master of all, // so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Prokeimenon in Tone One: My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

Brethren, “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.” But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more

earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, for such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

v. The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

He entered Capernaum again after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (10:9-16)

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

- *"All Creation Rejoices in Thee ..." is sung instead of "It is Truly Meet ..."*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on March 31st: St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Apostle to America; St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra; Virgin-martyr Balbina of Rome; St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia; St. Apollonius the Ascetic, of Egypt; Hieromartyr Abdas, Bishop of Persia, and Martyr Benjamin the Deacon; St. Acacius the Confessor; St. Hypatius, Abbot of Rufinus in Chalcedon; St. Hypatius the Healer, of the Kiev-Caves; Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev-Caves.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Friday) – Presanctified Liturgy w. General Parastas

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH AND LOCAL EVENTS

(1) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall after today's Divine Liturgy.

(2) Today's Deanery Lenten Vespers is at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 170 Lexington Ave., Passaic, New Jersey, at 5:00 PM. Next Sunday's Deanery Lenten Vespers is at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 812 Grand St., Trenton, New Jersey, at 5:00 PM.

(3) Please sign the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule if you plan to attend the Lenten supper in the church hall after the Deanery Lenten Vespers held at our church on April 14, 2024. Thank You!

(4) All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday or Saturday evening service, or call the Rectory to arrange for confession at another time.

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