



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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TODAY'S SAINTS

Synaxis of All American Saints. Martyr Julian of Tarsus; Hieromartyr Terence, Apostle of the Seventy, Bishop of Iconium; Martyrs Rufinus and Marcia of Syracuse; St. Julius, Presbyter of Novara, and his brother, St. Julian the Deacon; St. Anastasia of Serbia; Virgin-martyr Demetria of Rome (sister of St. Bibiana of Rome); Martyr Alban, Presbyter of Mainz; St. Rodulf, Archbishop of Bourges; St. Engelmund, Abbot of Velsen; St. Wolfrid, Founder of Hohentwiel Abbey (in Germany)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! glory to Thy Kingdom ! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!"

TROPARION OF ALL AMERICAN SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / The lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace / Through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF ALL AMERICAN SAINTS IN TONE THREE

Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America / Now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us. / With them the angels glorify Him, / And all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them; / And together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Second Prokeimenon: God is wonderful in His Saints, the God of Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (2:10-16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who

have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not the hearers of the Law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the Law do by nature what the Law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that what the Law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King, and deal mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:25-5:12)

Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Denise Bobko in memory of Glen Chowanec. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Anastasia Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **St. John's Cross** offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Anna Pirniak. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Joseph Pirniak.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

On Wednesday, June 24, 2020, Divine Liturgy is scheduled for the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Because social distancing protocols require a certain amount of preparation, such as setting up for the method in which holy communion is now being distributed, and the possible need to recruit someone as a greeter, you are asked to call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 in advance if you plan to attend Divine Liturgy on that day. In the event there is no greeter when you arrive, please sign in your name at the candle desk, and make sure that you sit no closer than six feet away from the nearest individual or family group. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

9:00 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

8:50 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“A true Christian is made by faith and love toward Christ. Our sins do not in the least hinder our Christianity, according to the word of the Savior Himself. He deigned to say: not the righteous have I come to call, but sinners to salvation; there is more joy in heaven over one who repents than over ninety righteous ones. Likewise concerning the sinful woman who touched His feet, He deigned to say to the Pharisee Simon: to one who has love, a great debt is forgiven, but from one who has no love, even a small debt will be demanded. From these judgments a Christian should bring himself to hope and joy, and not in the least accept an inflicted despair. Here one needs the shield of faith.”

St. Herman of Alaska (1751-1836)