



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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MARCH 1, 2026 / FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (TONE 5)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF ORTHODOXY SUNDAY IN TONE TWO

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. / Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. / Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: / "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world."

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF ORTHODOXY SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT

No one could describe the Word of the Father; / but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, / and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. // We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!
v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26; 11:32-12:2).

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.
v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John (1:43-51).

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!” Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

- *“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! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the upright! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on March 1: Sunday of Orthodoxy (AD 843). Martyr Eudocia of Heliopolis; Martyrs Nestor, Tribimius, Marcellus, and Anthony of Perge; Martyr Antonina of Nicaea; Martyrs Marcellus and Anthony of Syria; St. Domnina the Younger, of Syria; St. David, Bishop of Wales; Hieromartyr Luperulus, Bishop of Eauze; St. Felix III, Pope of Rome; Hieromartyr Herculanius, Bishop of Perugia; St. Albinus, Bishop of Angers; St. Suitbert, “Apostle to the Frisians”; Martyrs Gervasius and Leo, Bishop of Bayonne, “Apostles to the Basques”; St. Agapius of Vatopedi (Mount Athos); St. Martyrius of Zelenets (in Pskov).

TODAY’S PARASTAS

Today’s Parastas after Divine Liturgy is in memory of Helen Pirniak, offered by Olga DeMay.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Albert and Vera Royer. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski in memory of Mary Macinsky. **St. John's Cross** offered by Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Macinsky (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angela DiGiovanni.

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Friday) – Memorial Presanctified Liturgy w. General Parastas

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

PARISH NEWS AND LOCAL EVENTS

- (1) Everyone is invited to the Social Hour in the church hall downstairs after Divine Liturgy.
- (2) As a charity for Lent, our parish will collect cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to a local food pantry. Donated food items may be left in the church hall from now until Sunday, March 22, 2026. Please make certain that donated items are not past the expiration date. Thank You for your donations to this charitable project.
- (3) Today's Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers is 4:00 PM at St. John's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church, 145 Broad St., Perth Amboy, NJ. Rt. Rev. Bishop Irinej (Dobrijevič) will be the main celebrant and homilist. Next Sunday's Deanery Lenten Vespers is 5:00 PM at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, NJ. See flyer on bulletin board in the church vestibule.
- (4) The Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Sunday, March 15, 2026 after Divine Liturgy.
- (5) All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday or Saturday evening service. Those who legitimately cannot attend services on Friday or Saturday evenings may call the Rectory to make your arrangements for confession at another time.

Remember to support the parish every time you shop!



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