



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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TODAY'S SAINTS

Sunday of Last Judgment. Hieromartyrs Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus of Cherson; St. Paul the Simple (disciple of St. Anthony the Great); St. Paul the Confessor, Bishop of Plousias (in Bithynia); St. Emilian of Rome; St. Gaudiosus the Confessor, Bishop of Brescia; St. John of Beverly, Bishop of York; St. Eosterwine, Abbot of Wearmouth (in Northumbria); St. Drausinus, Bishop of Soissons

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

- *Choir sings the troparion of Apostles 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 FROM TRIODION IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble, / and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat; / the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed; / then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O Righteous Judge!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, His understanding is beyond measure.
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Corinthians (8:8-9:2)

Brethren, food, however, will not improve our relation with God; we shall not lose anything if we do not eat, nor shall we gain anything if we do eat. Be careful, however, not to let your freedom of action make those who are weak in the faith fall into sin. Suppose a person whose conscience is weak in this matter sees you, who have so-called “knowledge,” eating in the temple of an idol; will not this encourage him to eat food offered to idols? And so, this weak person, your brother for whom Christ died, will perish because of your “knowledge”! And in this way, you will be sinning against Christ by sinning against other Christians and wounding their weak conscience. So then, if food makes a believer sin, I will never eat meat again, so as not to make a believer fall into sin. Am I not a free man? Am I not an apostle? Haven't I seen Jesus our Lord? And aren't you the result of my work for the Lord? Even if others do not accept me as an apostle, surely you do! Because of your life in union with the Lord you yourselves are proof of the fact that I am an apostle.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31-46)

“When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Concetta Royer and Antonetta Cusano (anniversaries of birth). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rt. Rev. Bishop John Legky.

TODAY’S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Concetta Royer and Antonetta Cusano, offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer, and in memory of Eva Hannen (40th Day), offered by the Cimboic Family.

NEXT WEEK’S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“God gives His communion to all who love Him. Communion with God is life and light and sweetness with all the good things that He has. But those who of their own will forsake him he rewards with separation from Him, which they themselves have chosen. As separation from light is darkness, so also alienation from God is deprivation of all good things which He has. But the good things of God are eternal and without end, so that the loss of them is eternal and without end. Thus, sinners shall be the cause of their own torments, just as the blind do not see the light, although it is shining on them.”

– St. Irenaeus of Lyons (c. 130-202), Against Heresies, V.27