

Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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OCTOBER 29, 2023 / 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 4)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / "Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

TROPARION OF ST. ANASTASIA THE ROMAN IN TONE FOUR

Thy lamb Anastasia calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: / "I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee I endure suffering. / In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, / and I died so that I might live with Thee. / Accept me as a pure sacrifice, / for I have offered myself in love." // Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

TROPARION OF ST. ABRAMIUS IN TONE EIGHT

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, / for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. / By so doing, thou taughtest us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, venerable Abramius, rejoices with the angels.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have

been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!
- v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:26-39)

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on October 29th: Nun-martyr Anastasia of Rome; St. Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Blessed Mary, of Mesopotamia; St. Abramius, Archimandrite of Rostov; Martyrs Claudius, Asterius, Neon, and Theonilla of Aegæ in Cilicia; St. Anna of Constantinople; St. Ermelinde of Brabant; Virgin-martyr Eusebia of Bergamo; St. Theodore of Vienne.

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Lewis Cusano offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Helen Grudinoff (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Lewis Cusano (15th anniversary of repose).

UPCOMING SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers 9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

- (1) Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2023.
- (2) Annual Pasta Dinner at St. Mary's Church on 29th Street is today at 11:30 AM.
- (3) Ss. Nicholas, Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Roseland, N.J. is having Dr. Philip Mamalakis from Holy Cross School of Theology as a guest lecturer on Saturday, November 11th at 6:00 p.m. The lecture's title is *Connecting the Church and the Home*. Admission is free and there is a complimentary dinner that evening. If you are interested, please RSVP to Mark Adams at mark.robert.adams@gmail.com by November 5th. See flyer in church vestibule.

