

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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May 24, 2015 – 7th Sunday of Pascha: Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (Tone 6)

Today's Saints

St. Simeon Stylites the Younger; St. Vincent of Lerins; Martyr Meletius the General, and those with him, at Galatia

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of William Sagosz offered by Lillian Sokol and in memory of Bishop Daniel (Alexandrow) offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: John 17:1-13 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Offerings

Seven-day Altar Vigils offered by Russell & Andrea Wyskanycz in memory of Andrew Bacsik (4th anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Right Rev. Bishop Daniel Alexandrow (5th anniversary of repose). **Sacramental Bread & Wine** offered by Russell & Andrea Wyskanycz in memory of Andrew Bacsik (4th anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by John & Helen Wanko in honor of Lindsay Wanko's birthday.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Our annual "Spaghetti & Meatball" dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$20 per person—see Stephen Wasilewski or Marge Kovach. Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Services

May 30-31, 2015 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy & "Kneeling Prayers"

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, May 24, 2015

Tone 6 / Sunday of the Afterfeast of the Ascension

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

St. Simeon Stylites the Younger; St. Vincent of Lerins; Martyr Meletius the General, and those with him, at Galatia

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

TROPARION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. 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.*

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE SIX

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

v. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

- *Megalynarion: Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who ascended from earth to heaven! We magnify thee, O Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gavest birth in time to the Timeless One!*

- *Communion Hymns: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- *Instead of singing “We have seen the true light,” sing the Troparion of the Ascension.*