Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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September 6, 2026 / 14th Sunday After Pentecost (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 ARCHANGEL MICHAEL IN TONE FOUR

Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts, / we who are unworthy beseech you, / by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, / and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you: / "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!"

- *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.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:21-2:4).

Brethren, now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover, I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of

you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.
v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (22:1-14).

Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are called, but few are chosen."

COMMUNION HYMNS

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

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered for the health and salvation of Helen Wanko on her birthday by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Many Years! Многая літа!

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Commemorated on September 6: Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae; Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius; St. Archippus of Herapolis; Martyr Romulus and Companions; Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna; Martyrs Cyriacus, Faustus the Priest, Abibas the Deacon, and Companions of Alexandria; St. David of Hermopolis; St. Petronius the Confessor, Bishop of Verona; St. Faustus, Abbot of St. Lucy's Monastery in Sicily; St. Eleutherius, Abbot of St. Mark's Abbey in Spoleto; St. Cagnoald, Bishop of Laon; St. Beya, 1st Abbess of Copeland Abbey; St. Magnus of Füssen, Enlightener of Swabia; Hieromartyr Maxim Sandovich.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Monday) – Great Vespers w. Lity [*Nativity of Virgin Mary*]
9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy [*Nativity of Virgin Mary*]
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

CHURCH EVENTS

- **September 13 & 20**, There will be special collection on two consecutive Sundays for the benefit of this year's diocesan charity, "Operation Buffalo."
- **September 16 (Wednesday),** The Parish Council's next meeting is September 16, 2026 at 5:45 PM.
- **September 18-20 (Friday-Sunday)**, Senior Retreat at St. Andrew's Camp. Jewell, NY—featuring Dr. David Ford of St. Tikhon's Seminary as guest speaker. Registration fee (all-inclusive): $150.
- **September 25-27 (Friday-Sunday)**, Mountain Men's Respite, Adirondacks (New York State).
- **September 26 (Saturday)**. Parish Council Conference, Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral, Jersey City, NJ.
- **October 2-4 (Friday-Sunday),** Fall Teen Retreat, YMCA in Claryville, NY.
- **October 25 (Sunday),** Our parish's Pasta & Meatball Dinner, in the church hall at 12 PM. See flyer on bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.
- **October 29-30 (Thursday-Friday)**, Diocesan Assembly, Mother of God Church, Princeton, NJ.