

VARIABLES – MAY 19, 2024

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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“O Father who created Adam from dust, O Son Who by Thy cross delivered Adam’s race from ruin, resurrect me and set me at Thy right hand, that I might glorify Thy name.” ~ St. Ephraim the Syrian

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest for coffee and refreshments this morning after the service is over. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Ss. Peter and Paul.

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Myrrh-bearing Women, Pious Joseph of Arimathea, & Righteous Nicodemus

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – *see music in packet*

Paschal Troparion

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Entrance Hymn of Pascha, Russian

In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 2, Bulgarian

When Thou descended to death, O Life Immortal, Thou slew Hades with the splendor of Thy Divinity, and when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to Thee.

Troparion of Joseph of Arimathea, Tn. 2, Bulgarian

The Noble Joseph, when he had taken down Thy Most Pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen, and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But Thou didst arise on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion of the Myrrh-bearing Women, Tn. 2, Bulgarian

The angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said: Myrrh is fitting for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption. Therefore, proclaim: the Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Carpatho-Russian

O first enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our souls.

Clergy only - Kontakion of Pascha, Tn. 8, Russian

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the pow’r of death. In vic’try didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1-7).

In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily ministry. And the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should forsake preaching the word of God to

serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. And we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And the saying pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the world of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (15:43-16:8).

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a long white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He is risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” And they went out quickly and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Receiving Holy Communion: Only Orthodox Christians prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice “open communion” and has no intercommunion with non-Orthodox churches.

After taking Communion: Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

Today’s Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week.

For the living: Newly illumined Felix; Kh. Maria; Sh. Karla; Marilyn, Michele, Elizabeth, Mary, Jeff, Paloma, Julian, Jacob, Kurt, John, Cliff, Valerie, Stephanie, Gary, Jim, Bonnie, Matthew, Jan, Keenan, Elise, Zusa, Noah, Wendy, Timothy, Alexander, Jeremiah, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Atticus, Evelyn, Enrica, Jon & Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Rosanna, Beverly, Donnie, Amelia.

For the reposed: Newly departed Marianne; Met. Philip; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Tom, Stephen, Basil, David, Terry; Hmks. Ephraim, John, Athanasios; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Mark, John, Mark, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Michael, Daniel; Khs. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Presbs. Zinnia, Barbara; Boris, Glaphyra; James, Rachel, Ronald, Dewitt, Stella, Virgil, Beatrice.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Nicole.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Brycen, Jonathan, David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Don, Scott, Michelle, Noah.