

VARIABLES – JULY 21, 2024

# SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA

REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN

*“Should we not cleanse the eye of our soul, abstaining from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, in order that we may see the light which preceded the sun, or rather, that we become children of that light, and other lights ourselves, through sharing in His light, holding forth the word of life?”*

*St. Gregory Palamas*

**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.

## 4th Sunday after Pentecost

RIGHTEOUS FATHERS JOHN OF EDESSA IN MESOPOTAMIA & SIMEON OF HOMS (EMESA), THE FOOL-FOR-CHRIST

### Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 3, Byzantine

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with his own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the First-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Byzantine

O foremost of the apostles and teachers of the world, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls the great mercy.

Clergy only - Ordinary Kontakion, Tn. 2, Byzantine

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (6:8-23).

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion answered Him, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be

thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; be it done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

**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:** Met. Anthony; Pr. John & Kh. Barbara; Rose, John, Bridget, Lucy, Heather, Jeffrey, Elijah, Ezekiel, Noah, Wendy, Timothy, Alexander, Jeremiah, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Atticus, Evelyn, Enrica, Jon & Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Rosanna, Beverly, Donnie, Charlotte, Till.

**For the reposed:** Newly departed Aps. Basil, James, Basil; newly departed Dennis; 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; Christopher, Tatiana; James, Rick, Leonard, Eleanor, Karen, Larry.

**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.