

VARIABLES – AUGUST 11, 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

*“The long-suffering [patience] of God is unchangeable and His mercy is kind...How many criminals are there who go out to kill and rob that He conceals in order that they may not be captured and placed under tortures? Pirates sail the sea and God does not order the sea to drown them. How many falsely swear by Holy Communion and He tolerates not repaying them for that with evil? Robbers steal on the road, and He does not give them over to the beasts to tear them to pieces...Libertines go off with prostitutes and He tolerates them. Why all of this? Because He waits for repentance and conversion. Truly, God does not want the destruction of a sinner...That is why, brethren, let us be ashamed before the most lenient Lord God.” ~ St. John the Merciful*

**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.

## 7th Sunday after Pentecost

MARTYR & ARCHDEACON EUPLOS OF CATANIA IN SICILY; NIPHON, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; NEW-MARTYRS ANASTASIOS & DEMETRIOS OF LESBOS

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

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 6, Byzantine

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 Holy Transfiguration, Tn. 7, Byzantine

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ our God, revealing thy glory to thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to thee!

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 – Kontakion of Transfiguration, Tn. 7, Byzantine

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they shouldst see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (15:1-7).

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: “The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me.” For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God,

even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

**Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (9:27-35)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all the district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisee said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

***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:*** Bp. Anthony; Pr. John & Kh. Barbara; Pr. Christopher & Kh. Claire; Dn. Dave; Christina, Lynne, Kay, Magdalena, John, Bridget, Lucy, Noah, Wendy, Timothy, Alexander, Jeremiah, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Atticus, Evelyn, Enrica, Jon & Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Rosanna, Beverly, Donnie, Ivania & Ryan.

***For the reposed:*** 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; Anna, Dan; Virgil, Beatrice, James, Dewitt, Stella, Amy, Rick, Hudson.

***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.