

VARIABLES – MARCH 15, 2026

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER JOHN CHRISTIANSON

“The deadly counselor had at his disposal pleasure, glory and comfort, which enchanted mankind and dragged it down. So the Counselor of true life Himself led the way along the straight and narrow way which leads to life above and guided us in it.” ~ 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.

3rd Sunday of Great Lent Veneration of the Precious & Life-giving Cross

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Holy Cross, Tn. 1, Byzantine

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine estate.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 7, Byzantine

Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross; thou didst open paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen O Christ, granting to 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 – Kontakion for Sundays in Great Lent, Tn. 2, Byzantine

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that has that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

Anti-Trisagion Hymn

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify. (3x)
Glory to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen.

And Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify.

Before Thy cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy Holy Resurrection we glorify.

Megalynarion of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

All creation rejoices in Thee O full of grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a child. Our God who is before the ages! He made Thy body into a throne and Thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All creation rejoices in Thee. O full of grace glory to Thee!

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (4:14-5:6).

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the son of God, let us hold fast the confession. For we have not a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our infirmities, but one Who has been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest, being taken from among the people, is appointed on behalf of the people in things pertaining to God, that he may offer up both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are erring, since he himself also is encompassed with infirmity. Because of this he is bound, as for the people so also for himself, to offer up for sins. And no one takes the honor upon himself, but as being called by God, as was Aaron. So Christ also did not glorify Himself to become a high priest, but it was by the One saying to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee." As He says also in another place, "Thou art a Priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1).

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

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 Jenni, Bethany; Bp. Anthony; Prs. John, Thomas; Khs. Barbara, Carla; Kurt, Dane, Ginny, Cameron, Matthew, Marissa, Michael, Leanne, Faye, Travis, Eli, Emma, Jessica, Erin, Rebeca & Stephen, Aaron, Elizabeth, Philip, Patty, Bob, Asher; Jessi, Abel & Stacy, Romina, April, Julia, Tim, Hugh, Mike, Alexander, Jeremiah, Alex, Sophia, Hector, Saoirse, Michael, Persephone, Samuel, Verity, Christine, Fiona, Atticus, Evelyn, Enrica, Tony, Jon, Serenity, Ada, Grayson, Emmett, Sage, Beverly, Rosanna, Torey, Garrett, Ian, Elliott, Dawn, Dan, Russell, Kevin.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Allie, Christina.

For the departed: Newly departed Margarita; Met. Philip; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Tom, Stephen, Basil, David, Terry; Igm. Leonty; Hmks. Ephraim, John, Athanasios; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Mark, John, Mark, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Michael; Khs. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Pres. Zinnia, Barbara; Mka. Anna; Boris, Glaphyra; Steve; James, Philip, Hudson, Glenn, Erma Jean, Rick, Amy, Leonard, Eleanor, Charles.

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