

VARIABLES – FEBRUARY 15, 2026

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER JOHN CHRISTIANSON

“The poor man has one plea, his want and his standing in need: do not require anything else from him; but even if he is the most wicked of all men and is at a loss for his necessary sustenance, let us free him from hunger. Christ also commanded us to do this, when He said, ‘Be like your Father in heaven, for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.’” ~ St. John Chrysostom

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.

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare)

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 – Kontakion for Sunday of Last Judgment, Tn. 1, Byzantine

When Thou comest, O God, to earth with glory, and all creatures tremble before Thee, and the river of fire floweth before the Altar, and the books are opened and sins revealed, deliver me then from that unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous Judge.

Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9:2).

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care, lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you—a man of knowledge—at table in an idol’s temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother’s falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:31-46).

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at His right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and

you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry and feed Thee, or thirsty and give Thee drink? And when did we see Thee a stranger and welcome Thee, or naked and clothe Thee? And when did we see Thee sick or in prison and visit Thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Then He will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, I was stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see Thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to Thee?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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, Basil; Bp. Anthony; Prs. John, Thomas; Khs. Barbara, Carla; Rebeca & Stephen, Aaron, Elizabeth, Bob & Earlene, Sarah; Jessica, Erin & Family; Margarita, 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.

For the departed: 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; Ruth, James, Ray, Charles, Dick, Emily, Sarah, Rick, Helen, Russ, Sandy, Daniel.

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