

VARIABLES – JULY 25, 2021

# SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

*“Guard your mind from evil thoughts concerning your neighbors, knowing that the demons put them there, aiming to blind you to your own sins and prevent you from directing yourself toward God.” ~ St. Elias the Egyptian*

**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.

## **Dormition of Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

RIGHTEOUS MOTHERS OLYMPIAS, DEACONESS OF CONSTANTINOPLE; EUPRAXIA OF TABENNA

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

**Variable Hymns** – *see music in packet*

**Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 4, Byzantine**

Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples, saying, death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Apolytikion for the Dormition of St. Anna, Tn. 4, Byzantine – sung by chanter**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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.

**Kontakion of the Dormition of St. Anna, Tn. 2 – Byzantine – sung by priest**

O Godly-minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God’s pure Mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever-blessed one.

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (4:22-27).**

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman. But the one from the handmaid is born according to the flesh; whereas the one from the freewoman is through the promise. These things are an allegory, for these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for bondage, which is Hagar. For Sinai, which corresponds to Hagar, is a mountain in Arabia, and resembles the present Jerusalem, for she is in bondage with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is the mother of us all. For it is written, “Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and cry out, you who are not in travail: For many are the children of the desolate, much more than of her who has a husband.”

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (8:28-9:1)**

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do with Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

**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. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance but are remembered in the other litanies during the services throughout the week.*

**For the living:** Newly-illuminated George, Steve & Mary; Prs. Ed, Joshua & Mat. Ekaterina; Dns. Marc, Richard & Sh. Barbara; Kh. Maria; Shs. Camille-Anna & Brittany; Matt & Amy, Fiona, Jessica, Hugh, Joshua, Roger, Amy, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, James & family, Karl, Jared, Kurt, Charles, Rebeca, Sophia, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Thompson family, Ellena & family, Cherice & family, Chad, Earlene, Christian, Caleb, Jesse, Andrew, Jonathan, Kendra, Mark, Megan, Andrew, Victoria, Lucia, Elise, Emily, David, Jesse, Betty Jean, Valorie, Ron, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Evelynnn, Braylin, Eric, Sabrina, Ebony, Eric, DJ, Branden, Rosanna, Jon & Serenity, Juli, Ronald, Audrey, Gerry, Karl.

**For the reposed:** Met. PHILIP; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry, David; Hmks. Athanasios, John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael, John, Mark; Khs. Terry Elizabeth, Doris, Judy; Presb. Barbara; John, James, Daniel, Ruth, Ray, Richard, Leonard, Eleanor, Virgil, Bea, Karen, Larry, Richard, Rudy.

**For those who are pregnant and their unborn children:** Jill and the children she bears.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle, Noah.