



Saints Peter and Paul

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. Sunday of Orthodoxy. St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (842-845). Ven. Lazarus (1391) and Athanasius (15th c.), of Múrom. Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1st c.). Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (4th c.). Ven. Dometius (363). The “KURSK-ROOT” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Pray with out ceasing...

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN

YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those in need –Fr. Andrew, Fr. Isaac, Fr. David, Fr. Anthony, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Weston, Cailyn, Charlotte, Autumn, the newly born Sergius, Isaac, the newly born Cashal, Judy, James, Mary, Melissa, Debbie, Thomas, Eliza, Pearl, William, Karen, John, Nickolas, Timothy, Amanda, Damian, Delani, Jeremiah, Christine, Rick, Samuel, Timothy M., Andrew, Kati, Simeon, Megan, Andrew, Margret-Ann, Lorelly, Thomas, Evan, Valentina. The Homebound Ann, Tanya, Richard, Ruth, William, Lillian (Bernice) Catechumen- Christian ... Travelers ... Military servers...Greg ...Newly Departed : Claudia Sukel, Theona Sekel, Helen Miller, Anna Anderson, Marilyn Filipos,...Departed Orthodox –Mat. Anastasia, Jeff, Catherine, Marilyn, Rodney, Irene, John B., John S., Ann, Katherine, Vernon, Paul, James Nikolai, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests... Paul, Gilbert, Phyllis, Anthony, Ian, Paul, James, Sean, Liam, Bill, Wesley, Kim, Jim, Margaret, Loren, Russell, Julia, Shelby, Janet, Mareen, Lynn, Margret. Helen, Dan, Jonathan, Donna, Anna, Lucas, Nicholas, Shawn, Samantha, Gabe.

Holy Hymns:

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 2 Troparion (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the cross in the flesh and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You: “You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world.”

Tone 8 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty.// We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Troparion – Tone 4

O blessed Father Herman of Alaska, / North star of Christ's holy Church, / The light of your holy life and great deeds / Guides those who follow the Orthodox way. / Together we lift high the Holy Cross / You planted firmly in America. / Let all

behold and glorify Jesus Christ, / Singing his holy Resurrection.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)

v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name. (Ps 99/100:6)

v: They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps 99/100:6)

(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.// Glory to you!

Holy Scripture:

Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, “What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?” Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, “Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.” Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, “The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 (Epistle)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became

valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Holy Services and Activities

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, *not giving up meeting together*, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (St. Paul to the Hebrews 10:23-25)

See printed Calendar for schedule of services

Team Activities:

Missions Team-- is preparing for a trip to Alaska from JUNE 25th – JULY 4th 2020 (Its official!)– please add this to your prayers and donate toward their trip as you are able, just mark your donation in the offering as "Alaska Trip" as you give on Sunday. We have an official 15 people from our parish attending the Trip! There will be a blessing from our Bishop for the Team on Sunday Mar. 22nd.

The Team is continuing its call for donations for local mission work as well, and some far away including: **The Hope Project, Bethesda House, and Edinboro Food pantry.** Used clothing is available for our parish members in the back rooms of the hall for two more weeks. See Anna for more details.

Education Team is continuing the present schedule of Atrium 1 meeting at 9am on Sunday Mornings. Atrium 2 –Ages 7-12 and Coffee Hour Discussion Groups for youth and Adults will begin on March 8th. Matins on Sunday will begin at 9am beginning March 8th as well.

Youth and Family Activities- There will be a number of events for youth and families throughout Great lent. Including: Psanki Egg, intro to icons class, and others. These will be announced in the coming weeks.

Hospitality Team – will be preparing a meal for our Bishop on Mar.22nd during Coffee Hour. The team asks that you follow the Calendar for Lenten meals for Presanctified Liturgies.

Outreach Team -The goal of the OT is to make people in our community familiar with the Orthodox Faith.

Parish Council- Next Meeting Sunday, Mar. 15th. Council thanks those who volunteered for the Financial Team and auditors.

Parish council will be heading up the 100th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Summer 2021, suggestions? see a council member.

Choir - The Choir is encouraging youth and families to participate in the Sunday Matins service at 9am, and the Wed. and Fri. Presanctified Liturgies during Great Lent.

Thank you for your patience as we are changing over our services to more updated language. This will be a long process. But it will be worth it, as having more understandable language and more opportunities to serve and pray will encourage our young people to participate more fully. The Choir will have announced practices and meetings to work on books and practice new material in the coming weeks.

Ladies Altar Society next gathering will be announced

On The image...

The flood of temporal things draws us after itself, but in this flood there is, as it were, a full-grown tree: our Lord Jesus Christ. He took flesh, died, and ascended to heaven. It is as if He agreed to be in the flood of the temporal. Is this stream dragging you headlong? Hold on to Christ. He became temporal for you, so that you might become eternal, for He became temporal in such a way that He remained eternal. What difference is there between two men in a prison when one of the is a convict and the other a visitor! Sometimes a man comes to visit his friend, and it seems that both are in prison, but there is a great difference between them. One of them is held there because of guilt, while the other has come out of love for mankind. Thus it is with our mortality: guilt holds us here, but Christ had come out of mercy. He came freely into bondage, and not as a convict. (St. Augustine, Sermons on I John, II.10).

A man in this world must solve a problem: to be with Christ, or to be against Him. And every man decides this, whether he wants to or not. He will either be a lover of Christ or a fighter of Christ. There is no third option. (St. Justing Popovich, Explanation of I John, 4.3)

Cleanse your mind from anger, remembrance of evil, and shameful thoughts, and then you will find out how Christ dwells in you. (St. Maximus the Confessor, Chapters on Love, 4.76)

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We have within us, deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This can not all be cut out with one sharp motion, but patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that he will strengthen you. Patiently accept your falls and, having stood up, immediately run to God, not remaining in that place where you have fallen. Do not despair if you keep falling into your old sins. Many of them are strong because they have received the force of habit. Only with the passage of time and with fervor will they be conquered. Don't let anything deprive you of hope.

(St. Nectarios of Aegina, Path to Happiness, 3)