

Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Paralytic. Nine Martyrs at Cyzicus: Theognes, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, Thaumasius, and Philemon (3rd c.). Ven. Memnon the Wonderworker. Martyrs Diodorus and Rhodianus—Deacon, at Aphrodisia in Anatolia (3rd-4th c.). St. Basil, Bishop of Ostrog in Montenegro (16th c.). Lazian Martyrs slain in Dudikvati and Papati (Georgian, c. 1820).

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Newly Illumined- Rick and Samuel Those in need –Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Fr. John, Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Paul, Fr. George, Mat. Suzanne, Melissa, Meghan, Pearl, Karen, John, Mary, Stavros, Marilyn, Theona, Ann, Timothy, Jeremiah, Mary, Renee, Delani, Emily, The Homebound..., Tanya, Richard, Helen, , Irene, Ruth, Josephine, William, Claudia... Travelers.. ...Catechumens –Christian ...Our Missionaries Abroad...Fr. David and Mt. Rozanne, Military servers...Greg ...Departed Orthodox...Newly Departed – Catherine Kirzmanich John Bicko, John Sekel, Ann, Katherine. Vernon, Paul, James, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests... Anthony, Ian, Paul, Daleen, Penni, James, Sean, Liam, Susan, James, Joel, Jen, Roger, Jasmine, Cassandra, Raquel, Zera Kim....

Today's Hymns Tone 3 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice!

Let the earth be glad!

For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.

He has trampled down death by death.

He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world//great mercy.

Tone 3 Kontakion (*from the Pentecostarion*)

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord,

as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old,

so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

This week:

+Sunday Church School TODAY

+Ladies Meeting following Coffee Hour and Church School Today

+Daily Vespers – Wednesday, May 2nd – 6pm

+Great Vespers -- Saturday, May 5th – 6pm

+Men's Fellowship will sponsor a Ladies Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13th – All women of the parish are invited.

+Parish Rummage Sale will be held on May 2nd 9am-3pm.

Monday –Tuesday Set up – See Lisa for more info.

+Holy Ascension services—Wed. May 16th-6pm GV and Thursday, May 17th Divine Liturgy 9:30am

+Pentecost May 27th

+++Memory Eternal for Catherine Kirzmanich (TK's mother)who reposed this week, please remember Catherine and the family in your prayers this week.

MISSIONS TEAM

St. Helen and Constantine in Kenya is starting a new school year on May 2. They need money for uniforms, shoes, and school supplies. Like paper, pencils, pens. etc. Marilyn Filipos will be collecting money today and next week, see her for more info.

“Rejoice” scripture verse for the week:

Proverbs 13:9

The light of the righteous rejoices, But the lamp of the wicked will be put out.

On Memorial Day – Monday, May 28 – the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Spirit will begin in the Monastery Church at 7:30 a.m. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at All Saints Bell Tower, followed by a Memorial Service for Veterans at 12:15 p.m. The Akathistos Hymn to Saint Alexis Toth will be celebrated in the monastery church at 1:30 p.m., while the Molieben to the Most Holy Theotokos with the Anointing of the Sick, Infirm and All Pilgrims will be celebrated at All Saints Bell Tower at 2:15 p.m. The pilgrimage will close with the celebration of Vespers and Matins at 4:00 p.m.

The schedule of pilgrimage lectures and children's events and further updates will be posted on the pilgrimage web site as they become available. See OCA.org

Saying from the Fathers...

A man becomes spiritual insofar as he lives a spiritual life. He begins to see God in all things, to see His power and might in every manifestation.

Always and everywhere he sees himself abiding in God and dependent on God for all things. But insofar as a man lives a bodily life, so much he does he do bodily things; He doesn't see God in anything, even in the the most wondrous manifestations of His Divine power. In all things he sees body, material, everywhere and always - "God is not before his eyes." (Ps. 35:2) (St. John of Kronstadt, My Life in Christ, I.5)

Do not say, "this happened by chance, while this came to be of itself." In all that exists there is nothing disorderly, nothing indefinite, nothing without purpose, nothing by chance ... How many hairs are on your head? God will not forget one of them. Do you see how nothing, even the smallest thing, escapes the gaze of God? (St. Basil the Great)

Don't be troubled if you don't feel the love of God in yourself, but thing about the Lord, that He is merciful, and guard yourself from sins, and the grace of God will teach you. (St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, IX.16)

When you throw a nail into a fire, it gets hot and starts to glow like fire. In the same way you, when you listen to divine teachings and live accordingly, will become like God. (St. Symeon of Daibabe, Sayings, 26)

so that being saved I may sing to Thee://
“Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!”

Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)
Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,
Thou didst destroy the power of death.
In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God,
proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,//
granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing
Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 1 Prokeimenon
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!
(Ps 32/33:22)
v: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befitteeth the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Tone 5 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth will I proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For Thou hast said: “Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.” (Ps 88/89:2)

Today’s Scripture Readings:

Acts 9:32-42 (Epistle)

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints

and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

John 5:1-15 (Gospel)

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.” He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.” The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

St. Tikhon’s Monastery announces 114th Memorial Day Pilgrimage schedule SOUTH CANAAN, PA [STM Communications]

It was on the Friday before Memorial Day in 1905 that a group of faithful set out from Mayfield, PA – some by train, buggy, or wagon, others by foot – and crossed Mount Salem to a designated meeting place in the town of Waymart, PA. Once everyone had gathered, the procession continued on foot to the little village of South Canaan and the sacred grounds of the newly founded Saint Tikhon’s Monastery. Archbishop Tikhon, the monastery’s founder and future Patriarch of Moscow, and the monastery’s first Abbot, Father Arseny, led the procession marking the first Memorial Day Pilgrimage to Saint Tikhon’s Monastery, America’s oldest Orthodox monastic community.

Today, Saint Tikhon’s Monastery remains a “beating heart” for America’s Orthodox Christian faithful. Year after year, pilgrims have returned each Memorial Day weekend to its grounds “where saints have walked” as a means of reconnecting with God and the spiritual tradition of the Church. They attend the rich and festive services, meet old friends and make new ones, enjoy time with family, take in a spiritual word from one of the fathers of the monastery, remember loved ones who have departed to the next life, and receive comfort for souls burdened with the cares of this one.

This year’s 114th Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage, slated to be held May 25 through May 28, 2018, continues the tradition established by Saint Tikhon and Father Arseny. Pilgrims will once again be especially graced by the presence of the Myrrhstreaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God and by the participation and presence of numerous hierarchs, clergy, faithful, and friends from across America and beyond.

The Pilgrimage will officially open on Friday, May 25 with the arrival of the Hawaiian Iveron Icon at the monastery entrance archway. Vespers and Matins will follow in the Monastery Church of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk at 4:00 p.m., after which pilgrims are invited to dinner in the monastery dining hall.

The 75th annual Commencement of Saint Tikhon’s Seminary will be held on Saturday, May 26. The day will open with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the monastery church at 9:00 a.m., followed by a meal in the dining hall. Commencement Exercises will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Vigil for the Great Feast of Pentecost will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m., followed by dinner for all pilgrims in the dining hall.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, followed by a meal for all pilgrims in the dining hall. Vespers and Matins will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. In conjunction with the Choir Festival slated to be held during the pilgrimage, the Chamber Choir of Saint Tikhon’s Monastery, under the direction of Benedict Sheehan, will perform Rachmaninov’s All-Night Vigil at Saint Stephen’s Episcopalian Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA, on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Additional information on the festival and concert, as well as ticket and registration details, are available online.