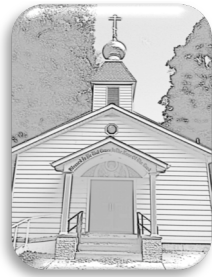




Saints Peter and  
Paul Orthodox  
Church **CROSSINGVILLE**  
**07-10-2022**



Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Glory be forever!

**4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Ven. Anthony of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Monasticism in Russia (1073).** Holy 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia, including Leontius, Maurice, Daniel, Anthony, Alexander, Sisinius, Meneus, and Belerad (Verelad—ca. 319). The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Lord at Moscow (1625). Ven. Silvanus, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyr Apollonius of Sardis (3rd c.). Martyrs Bianor and Silvanus of Pisidia (4th c.). 10,000 Fathers of the deserts and caves of Scete martyred by the impious Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria (ca. 398). Martyr Nikódēmos of Elbassan (Albanian—1722). Monastic Martyr Nectarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1820). The KONEVSKAYA Icon of the Mother of God.

**HOLY 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 4 Troparion (St. Anthony)**

Having left the turmoil of the world,  
you renounced the world to follow Christ in accordance with the Gospel.  
Living a life equal to the Angels,  
you reached the quiet haven of the Holy Mountain of Athos.  
With the blessing of the Athonite fathers, you came to the hills of Kiev,  
where you labored with love and illumined your homeland.  
There you led a multitude of monastics to Christ  
showing them the path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven//  
Venerable Anthony, pray to Him that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Tone 8 Kontakion (St. Anthony)**

Having loved God above all from your childhood, O ven'erable one,  
you surrendered yourself to Him and followed Him with all your soul.  
Despising the material things of this world,  
you made a cave in the earth, where you fought the good fight against  
the invisible Enemy. Like a brilliant sun you illumined all the ends of the  
earth, and with rejoicing you passed into the heavenly chambers.  
Now as you stand with the Angels before the Throne of the Master,  
remember us who honor your memory as we cry to you://  
"Rejoice, our Fa-ther Anthony!"

**Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing  
praises! (Ps. 46:6)  
V. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
(Ps. 46:1)

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon (St. Anthony)**

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (Ps. 115:6)

**Tone 3**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps. 30:1a)

V. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps. 30:2b)

**Tone 6**

V. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. (Ps. 111:1)

**HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Romans 6:18-23 (Epistle)**

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Matthew 8:5-13 (Gospel)**

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

**HOLY WORDS**

**Salvation History --- Pre-History**

The Bible begins with the story of creation and the making of man. Although the Bible often lists the generations of men from the creation of Adam (Chron 1.1, Lk 4.38), the history of salvation, in the most proper sense, begins with Abraham, the forefather of Israel and the first ancestor of Christ, "according to the flesh."

The story of creation, and specifically of Adam and Eve, gives the divine revelation about the absolute sovereignty of God over all of creation. It tells of the goodness of all things that exist, and the superiority of man over other beings. It shows how the origin of evil does not lie in God but in His most perfect creature whose free act of sin brought wickedness and death to the world.

The chapters of Genesis 1-11 are called the "prehistory" of salvation because with little exception, such as that of the righteous Noah, these chapters are almost exclusively the record of sin. They begin with man's original rebellion against God, and tell of the first act of man's children as being brotherly murder. They record God's sadness in creating the world when He "saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of his heart was only evil continually," and that the earth was "corrupt . . . filled with violence . . . for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth" (Gen 6.5-12). They end with the symbolic account of the ultimate impudence of men who sought "to make a name for themselves" by building "a tower with its top in the heavens" (Gen 11.4). Through the story of the tower of Babel is shown the prideful arrogance of man which results in the division of the nations and the scattering of men "over the face of all the earth" (Gen 11.9).

The pre-history of salvation, the story of sin, is the original counter-symbol of salvation in Christ. The events of these first chapters of the Bible, before the calling of Abraham, find their proper interpretation in the saving events of the coming of Christ and the Holy Spirit in the new and final covenant of God with His People.

Christ is the True Adam. The original Adam was merely "a type of him who was to come" (Rom 5.14).

*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living soul," the last Adam [Christ] became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven (1 Cor 15.21–22, 45–49).*

The word Adam in Hebrew comes from "adamah" which means earth. The word Christ, in Hebrew, Messiah, means the "anointed" of God. As Christ is the new Adam, so His mother Mary is the new Eve, for she is the true "mother of all living," which is the meaning of the name given to the original "helper" of man (Gen 3.20). The biblical symbolism continues with the Church of Christ being the true "ark of salvation" in which "every living thing" is saved (Gen 6.14, 1 Pet 3.20–22). And the events of Pentecost reverse the tragedy of Babel, when through the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of Christ, all national divisions are overcome and all men "from over the face of all the earth" are brought into unity by God in Christ.

Thus the pre-history of man's sin is the counter-symbol of his righteousness in God which is realized in Christ, the "child of Abraham" in whose children all of the families of the earth are blessed by God (Gen 12.3).

## Abraham

Salvation history, properly so-called, begins with Abram, whom God named Abraham which means "father of a multitude." Abraham was the first patriarch of the people of Israel. The word patriarch means "the father of the people." In the person and life of Abraham, the central events of the salvation of the world by Christ in the New Testament have been prefigured.

God made the first promise of His salvation of all the people of the earth to Abraham, with whom He also made His covenant to be faithful forever. *Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make you a great nation, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing . . . and in you all families of the earth shall be blessed" (Gen 12.1–3, See also 17.1–8, 22.1–18).*

The faith of Abraham is prototypical of all those who in Christ are saved by faith. The New Testament stresses faith as necessary for salvation. The model for this faith is Abraham. *Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness (Gen 15.6, Rom 4.3).* Abraham's faith was united to his works, and was expressed in his works.

*Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by works, and the scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness;" and he was called the friend of God. You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone (St. James 2.21–24).*

Thus the salvation of the world which has come in Christ was prefigured in the life of Abraham, as well as the Christian doctrine about faith and works and the Christian revelations about the sacrifice, the priesthood, and even the most Holy Trinity. Truly in Abraham every aspect of the final covenant in Christ the Messiah was foreshadowed and foretold.

## HOLY FATHERS

***"... Even though I think on lamentation, still I am not chastened. I am fearful of punishment, yet I perform deeds to be corrected. Indeed, I am a coward; yet I do not stop making mistakes. At last, grant me revival, O Saviour — Thou Who dost will that all men be saved." St Romanos the Melodist Strophe 10***

**Pride does not allow the soul to set out on the path of faith. Here is my advice to the unbeliever: let him say, "Lord, if you exist, then illumine me, and I will serve you with all my heart and soul." And for this humble thought and readiness to serve God, the Lord will immediately illumine him... And then your soul will sense the Lord; she will sense that the Lord has forgiven her, and loves her, and you will know this from experience, and the grace of the Holy Spirit will be a witness in your soul of your salvation, and you will want to cry out to the whole world: "The Lord loves us so much!" (St. Silouan the Athonite, Writings, III.6)**

**In all of our deeds God looks at the intention, whether we do it for His sake, or for the sake of some other intention. (St. Maximus the Confessor, Chapters on Love, 2:36)**

## Parish Services and Activities

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Today - Divine Liturgy – 9:30am – Parish Education returns  
Coffee Hour -- Pierogi making  
Mon. July 11<sup>th</sup> – Pierogi Making – 9am -1pm...  
Tues. July 12<sup>th</sup> Akathist to Sts. Peter and Paul  
Sat. July 16<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers – 4pm  
Sun. July 17<sup>th</sup> - Divine Liturgy– 9:30am  
NO VESPERS ON SAT. JULY 23rd

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 17 – 23 – Youth at Camp Nazareth

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council Meeting

**2nd Annual Open House Saturday - July 30, 2022  
12-5pm FREE FAMILY FUN!**

**\*We are currently taking pre-orders for Frozen Cheese and Potato Pierogi at \$9/dz. Pick-up date is Saturday, July 30th from 12-5pm. Submit your order online through our website or contact Lisa Danko. We will be making the Pierogi on July 10-11. Please volunteer to help if you are able! -Ladies Altar Society**

**\*\*Please remember to submit all Open House sponsorship forms to Anna before June 30th. Flyers, the volunteer sign-up sheet, and vendor applications are also now available. This is our biggest event of the year and we rely on everyone's participation so please help where and when you are able! -Missions & Outreach**

## Pray with out ceasing...

**PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR**

**DAILY PRAYERS:** Those in need Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Fr. Joseph, Fr.

Zachariah, Iguman Patrick, Hieromonk Herman, Fr. Dušan, Fr. Christopher, Prez.

Alexandria, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Mat. Trudi, Reader Nathaniel,

Ron, Karen, Isaiah, Andrew, Judy, John, Boris, Tamara, Susan, Mary B. Margret, Bill

S., John S., Nickolas, Timothy, Preston, Olivia, Jesse, Grace, Delani, Jeremiah, Sandy,

William, Steve A., Patricia, Anna, Sally, Noah, Annisatita, Paul, Irenia, Damen,

Tanya

Camp attenders Abigail, Karis, Josiah, Genevieve, Bethany, and River, and Elijah

The Homebound Mary G,

Catechumen/Inquirers- Dan, David, Hannah & Family (Moving to N. Carolina)

Special requests... Gilbert, Joanne, Anthony, Paul, James, Sean, Liam, Kim, Loren,

Janet, Helen, Dan, Gregory, Donna, Laura, Laken, Bob, Gary, Bill, Stevie, Kristen,

Paul, Cletus, Nina (Add your own requests here)...

Departed : Newly Departed Theodore, James, Valentina, Proto-deacon Michael,

Priest Anastacy, Marie