



Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church

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30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

5. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (226-235). Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1483). Martyr Mertius of Mauretania (284-305). Martyr Peter Apselamus of Palestine (309-310). Ven. Eupraxia of Tabenna, in Egypt (393). The "AKATHIST" and "THE MILKGIVER" Icons of the Most-holy Theotokos. Icon of the Mother of God, the "Priestly". Virgin Martyrs Neollina, Domnina, and Parthena (1375).

Christ is baptized in the Jordan! Sanctity of Life Sunday

...For you created my inmost being: you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 138:13

Pray with out ceasing...

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those in need - Fr. Isaac, Fr. Samuel, Fr. Andrew, Fr. David, Fr. Anthony, Mat. Gail, Mat. Donna, Mat. Pirsilla, Autumn, The newly born Sergius, Isaac, Melissa, Judy, the newly born Cashal Jack, Debbie, TK, Eliza, Paul, Pearl, William, Joseph, Karen, John, Stavros, Nickolas, Timothy, , (Sergius), James, Amanda, Damian, Delani, Jeremiah, Mary, Christine, Rick, Samuel, Timothy, Andrew, Kati, Simeon, Debbie, Christopher, Megan, Andrew, Margret-Ann, Lorelly, Thomas, Evan, Valentina The Homebound Ann, Tanya, Richard, Ruth, William, Catechumen-Christian ... Travelers ... Military servers...Greg ...Newly Departed : Claudia Sukel, Theona Sekel, Helen Miller, Anna Anderson, Rodney Senyo, Josephine Olnvik, Marilyn Filipos, Irene Hoovler...Departed Orthodox - Mat. Anastasia, Jeff, Catherine, John B., John S., Nickoli, Ann, Katherine, Vernon, Paul, James, Andrew, Peter, Paul, Margaret, Michael Mary Ann, Timothy... Special requests... Gilbert, Phyllis, Anthony, Ian, Paul, James, Sean, Liam, Bill, Wesley, Kim, Jim, Margaret, Loren, Russell, Julia, Shelby, Janet, Mareen, Lynn, Maragret, Helen, Dan, Jonathan, Donna, Anna, Lucas.

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 1 Troparion of the Feast

When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling You His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself// and have enlightened the world, glory to You.

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, //

and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 4 Kontakion (Martyr Tatiana of Rome)

In your sufferings you shone brightly in the royal purple of your blood, and like a beautiful dove you flew to heaven, passion-bearer Tatiana.// Therefore, always pray for those who honor you!

Tone 8 Kontakion (St Sava, Enlightener of Serbia)

Your church glorifies you as its first great hierarch and the Apostles' companion, O ven'erable one. Since you have boldness before Christ God, Save us by your prayers from every tribulation, so that we may cry out to you: "Rejoice, O divinely-wise Father Sava!"

Tone 4 Kontakion of the Feast

Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises: "You have come and revealed Yourself, // O unapproachable Light."

Tone 1 Prokeimenon (Sunday after the Theophany)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You! (Ps 32/33:22)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Tone 5 (Sunday after the Theophany)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)

(Instead of "It is truly meet," we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts. No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos; even Angels are overcome with awe praising you. But since you are good, accept our faith; for you know our love inspired by God. You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

Holy Scripture:

John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" - what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He

who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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

--The Missions team is preparing for a trip to Alaska from JUNE 25th - JULY 4th 2020 (Its official!)-please donate toward their trip as you are able, just mark your donation in the offering as "Alaska Trip" as you give on Sunday. See Anna R. or Fr. Daniel if you would like to attend. MISSIONS TEAM MEETING FRIDAY JAN. 17th at the Parish Rectory 7PM.

Education Team is continuing the present schedule of Atrium 1 meeting at 9am on Sunday Mornings.

**It has been proposed that we have a Once a month Family Day on the First Saturday with Atrium 1, Atrium 2, youth quest, Mom's Group, Men's fellowship... anyone interested? Last call...*

Activities- There will be a number of events for youth and families throughout the year, including: xLearning Proshpora Making, xServed at St Herman's Shelter. **Erie March for Life Jan. 18th Perry Square at 11am** For next month...**Bowling Feb. 2nd following Coffee Hour**, Erie game (TBA), Lenten event,(TBA), Summer Camp out, etc.

Hospitality Team -The team is asking everyone to be active in cleaning up following coffee hour. Also, don't forget to sign up for coffee hour and be sure to help out cleaning up after. A Lenten schedule will be out soon and meals following presanctified will be scheduled.

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

Events: xthe blessing of French Creek (**Tues. Jan 7th** 5 attended), Erie March for Life Jan 18th Perry Square

11:00am, and the Blessing of Lake Erie with other right-glorifying Christians in Erie **Jan. 25th 12 noon** - Lunch at VBrewery -Erie.

Parish Council welcomes new elected members. Council is also seeking members of the parish to be on a planning team for the upcoming 100th year anniversary to be held in 2021. Council is also looking for 2 auditors. If you are interested in being on any team of the parish please let parish council Pres. Nathan.

Choir - The Choir is encouraging youth and families to participate in the Matins service, the Wed. Evening prayer services and Sat. Great Vespers, with their voices and serving in the altar. We are changing over our services to more updated language. Having more understandable language and more opportunities to serve and pray will encourage our young people to participate more fully. Choir will have announced practices and meetings to work on books and practice new material.

Ladies Altar Society next gathering will be Jan 16th at Karen's place in Girard 12noon- pot luck.

House Blessings -It is that time of year where we get our homes blessed. Here is the process: 1) Invite the priest to your house. 2) At your kitchen table have set up a candle, Icon, and a small bowl , names living and reposed to pray for 3) the house should be clean, and have all the lights on and TVs and tech off. 4) It is customary to give the priest a gift.

Calendars - Yearly Calendars are available. They were paid for by a local funeral home. Could you please make a donation for one of these beautiful calendars, all the donations will go toward the Missions Trip to Alaska.

Wonderfully made

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you

when I was made in the secret place,

when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;

all the days ordained for me were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, God!

--Holy Prophet David