



# Saints Peter and Paul

## Orthodox Church

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**33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple . Sunday of Zacchaeus.**

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, Charlotte,

Autumn, the newly born Sergius, Isaac, Mary, Melissa, Judy, the

newly born Cashal, Debbie, Thomas, Eliza, Pearl, William, Karen,

John, Nickolas, Timothy, Amanda, Damian, Delani, Jeremiah,

Christine, Rick, Samuel, Timothy M., Andrew, Kati, Simeon, Debbie,

Christopher, 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 Nickolai,

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 8 Troparion (Resurrection)**

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!

You accepted the three day burial to free us from our

sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

#### **Tone 1 Troparion (Feast)**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!

From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.

Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,/  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

#### **Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and  
resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection,/  
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly  
Merciful One!

#### **Tone 1 Kontakion**

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb  
and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now You have come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

#### **Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)**

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps  
75/76:11)

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in  
Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)

#### **Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)**

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my  
Savior. (Lk 1:46-47)

### **Tone 8**

#### **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a  
joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)

v: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let  
us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!  
(Ps 94/95:2)

Tone 8 v: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace,  
according to Your word! (Lk 2:29)

### **Holy Scripture:**

#### **Hebrews 7:7-17 (Epistle, Meeting)**

Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the  
better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives  
them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who  
receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,  
for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek  
met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical  
priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what  
further need was there that another priest should rise  
according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called  
according to the order of Aaron For the priesthood being  
changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.  
For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another  
tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is  
evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe  
Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far  
more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises  
another priest who has come, not according to the law of a  
fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an  
endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever  
according to the order of Melchizedek."

#### **Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle)**

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.  
For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because  
we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men,  
especially of those who believe. These things command and  
teach. Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to  
the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in  
purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation,  
to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was  
given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of  
the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself  
entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

#### **Luke 2:22-40 (Gospel, Meeting)**

Now when the days of her purification according to the law  
of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to  
present Him to the Lord  
(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who  
opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to  
offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the  
Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And  
behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was  
Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the  
Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.  
And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he  
would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.  
So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the  
parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according  
to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and  
blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your  
servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes  
have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before  
the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the  
Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph  
and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken  
of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His  
mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising  
of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against  
(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that  
the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Now there

was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

### **Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel)**

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

## **Holy Services and Activities**

Let us hold unwaveringly 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 or our website [www.orthodoxcrossingville.org](http://www.orthodoxcrossingville.org) look in the menu for "calendar"

## **Team Activities:**

**Missions Team-- is preparing for a trip to Alaska from JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> - JULY 4<sup>th</sup> 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. See Anna R. or Fr. Daniel if you would like to attend. Spots are filling up quickly.**

**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 will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Youth and Family Activities-** There will be a number of events for youth and families through out the year, including: xLearning Prospora Making, xServed at St Herman's Shelter. For next month... **TODAY-Bowling Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> following Coffee Hour.** Lenten service event, Erie Sea Wolves game, Summer Camp out, etc.

**Hospitality Team** -And the Ladies Altar Society welcomes

everyone to a **Halupki dinner today at coffee hour,** A Lenten schedule will be out soon and meals following pre-sanctified will be scheduled.

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

**Events:** Up Coming...Orthodox Bible Study - VBrewery Meadville Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm

**Parish Council-** Next Meeting Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Council is seeking members of the parish to be on a planning team for the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary to be held in 2021. Council is also looking for 1 auditor. (Andrew Sawyer has volunteered as 1) If you are interested in being on any team of the parish please let parish council Pres. Nathan, or Fr. Daniel.

**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 serving. ...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 at 10am, Tues. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at the parish hall.

**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 with names of 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.

**Doors**- Our new doors have been installed. In the near future council will be looking to have some iconography put on them.

## **Holy Fathers**

Every Christian should find for himself the imperative and incentive to become holy. If you live without struggle and without hope of becoming holy, then you are Christians only in name and not in essence. But without holiness, no one shall see the Lord, that is to say they will not attain eternal blessedness. It is a trustworthy saying that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). But we deceive ourselves if we think that we are saved while remaining sinners. Christ saves those sinners by giving them the means to become saints. (St. Philaret of Moscow, Sermon of September 23, 1847)

The acquisition of holiness is not the exclusive business of monks, as certain people think. People with families are also called to holiness, as are those in all kinds of professions, who live in the world, since the commandment about perfection and holiness is given not only to monks, but to all people. (Hieromartyr Onuphry Galaluk)

The chief end of our life is to live in communion with God. To this end the Son of God became incarnate, in order to return us to this divine communion, which was lost by the fall into sin. Through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, we enter into communion with the Father and thus attain our purpose. (St. Theophan the Recluse, Letters to various people, 24)