

VARIABLES – OCTOBER 1, 2023

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA

REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

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“The Lord wants us to love each other; this is the essence of freedom—love for God and for your neighbor. This is both freedom and equality. But in earthly titles there can be no equality; this is of no concern to the soul, however. Not everyone can be a king or a prince; not everyone can be a patriarch or an abbot, or a leader, but no matter what your title you can love God and serve Him and that is all that matters. And whoever loves God more on earth shall be in greater glory in the Kingdom.” ~ St. Silouan of Mount Athos

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest for coffee and refreshments this morning after the service is over. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Ss. Peter and Paul.

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Apostle Ananias of the 70, First Bishop of Damascus &
Righteous Father Romanos the Melodist

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 8, Byzantine

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Ananias, Tn. 3, Byzantine

O holy Apostle Ananias, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Apolytikion of St. Romanos, Tn. 8, Byzantine

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O father Romanos; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

Troparion of Ss Peter & Paul, Tn. 4, Byzantine

O Foremost of the Apostles, and teachers of the world, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Clergy only – Ordinary Kontakion, Tn. 2, Byzantine

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who does ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:16-7:1).

Brethren, we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises,

beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Receiving Holy Communion: Only Orthodox Christians prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice "open communion" and has no intercommunion with non-Orthodox churches.

After taking Communion: Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

Today's Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week.

For the living: Newly-illumined Kevin, Monica, Sarah, Ruth, Daniel, Ares, Ronin; Prs. Thomas, Stephen & Kh. Sally; Stephanie, Sue, Mary, Kevin, Wendy, Marianne & John, Timothy, Jeremiah, Alexander, Caitlin & David, Michael & Sophia, Hector, Saoirse, Persephone, Samuel, Evelyn, Verity, Christine, Enrica, Tony, Erica Lynn, Jon & Serenity, Rosanna, Beverly, Donnie, Josh, Shannon, Sage, Emily.

For the reposed: For Met. Philip; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Tom, Stephen, Basil, David, Terry; Hmks. Ephraim, John, Athanasios; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Mark, John, Mark, Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Michael, Daniel; Khs. Judy, Jedonne, Terry Elizabeth, Doris; Presb. Barbara; Christopher, Tatiana, Tom, Rick, Amy, James, Virgil, Ruth, Eleanor.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Alexandra, Katrina, Allie.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Brycen, Jonathan, David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Don, Scott, Michelle, Noah.