

VARIABLES – MAY 23, 2020

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“The crown of good works is love; the crown of passions is the justification of one’s sins.”
St. Isaiah the Solitary*

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest on the deck outside 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.

Fourth Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Paralytic

Michael the Confessor, bishop of Synnada; Myrrh-bearer Mary, wife of Cleopas; translation of the relics of Leontios the wonderworker, bishop of Rostov; Euphrosinia of Polotsk

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns

Paschal Troparion, Tn. 5

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Entrance Hymn of Pascha, Russian

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tn. 3, Byzantine

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Kontakion of Pascha, Tn. 8, Russian

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal. Thou didst destroy the pow’r of death. In vic’try didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming rejoice to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thine apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Megalynarion for Pascha, Tn. 1, Russian

The Angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With Himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, all ye people! Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now and be glad, O Zion, Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, In the Resurrection of your Son

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed.” And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they placed her in an upper chamber. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples,

hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

Today's Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance but are remembered in the other litanies during the services throughout the week.

For the living: Pr. Joshua & Mat. Ekaterina; Dns. Marc, Richard & Sh. Barbara; Kh. Maria; Shs. Camille-Anna & Karla; Matt & Amy, Fiona, Jessica, Hugh, Joshua, Roger, Amy, Nathan, Jeremiah, Simon, Alexander, Katie, James & family, Karl, Jared, Kurt, Charles, Rebeca, Sophia, Martha, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Thompson family, Ellena & family, Cherice & family, Chad, Earlene, Christian, Caleb, Jesse, Andrew, Jonathan, Mark, Beatrice, Betty Jean, Brandon, Thomas, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Braden, Steve, Randall, James, Evelyn, Braylin, Eric, Sabrina, Ebony, Eric, DJ, Branden, Rosanna, Jon & Serenity, Jaden, Daniel, : Jeff, Michele, Paloma, Julian, Jacob, Alex, Alexandra, Elizabeth, Michael, Anna, Nicholas, Mary, Noah, Michele, Ben, Georgia.

For the reposed: Newly-departed Bill; Met. PHILIP; Aps. Gordon, Jack; Prs. Basil, Terry, David; Hmks. Athanasios, John; Mnk. Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph, Mark, Michael, John, Mark; Khs. Terry Elizabeth, Doris, Judy; Presb. Barbara; Emily, Sarah, Daniel, James, Gene, Rick, Isabel, Joseph, Rachel, Ronald, Stella, Dewitt, Erik.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Jill and the children she bears.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: David, Jacob, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle.