

VARIABLES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

REVEREND FATHER CHRISTOPHER DILLON, PASTOR

REVEREND FATHER GEORGE WASHBURN, REVEREND FATHER THOMAS LINDSAY

“He who busies himself with the sins of others, or judges his brother on suspicion, has not yet even begun to repent or to examine himself so as to discover his own sins.” ~ St. Maximos the Confessor

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.

Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

HIEROMARTYRS AUTONOMOS OF ITALY & CORONATOS OF ICONIUM; VENERABLE DANIEL OF THASIOS

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos, Tn. 4, Byzantine

Thy nativity, O Theotokos, has brought joy to all the inhabited earth; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He has loosed us from the curse and given the blessing. He has destroyed death and granted us eternal life.

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.

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.

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos, Tn. 4, Byzantine

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18)

Brethren, see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the Cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised do themselves keep the Law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me; for I bear in my body the brand-marks of the Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

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. 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: Newly-illuminated Aaron; Prs. Spyridon, Ed, Joshua & Mat. Ekaterina; Dns. Marc, Richard & Sh. Barbara; Kh. Maria; Shs. Camille-Anna & Brittany; 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, Kendra, Mark, Megan, Paul, Andrew, Victoria, Marianne, Harvey, Adelaide, Lucia, Marc, Jill, Avery, Betty Jean, Ron, Don & Marie, Peter & family, Braden, Evelyn, Braylin, Eric, Sabrina, Ebony, Eric, DJ, Branden, Rosanna, Jon & Serenity, Julia, Ronald.

For the reposed: Newly-departed Ap. Sergei, Propr. Leonid, Ap. Gregory; 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; Christopher, Tatiana, John, James, Daniel, Sarah, Emily, Flossie Elizabeth.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Christina

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