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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



June 29, 2014

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Commemoration of the Holy, Glorious and All-Laudible Apostles, Peter & Paul

Tone 2 ~ Eothinon 3 ~ Ps. 109:8

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST! HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (June 29)

Apostles Peter and Paul.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Tone 2: When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly pow'r, and when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth all the pow'rs of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of Ss. Peter & Paul – Tone 4: O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, intercede with the Master of all to grant safety to the world and to our souls the Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Theotokos – Tone 2: O undisputed Intercessor of Christians, constant Advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for thou always protect those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon: Their voice has gone out into all the earth.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. (11:21-33; 12:1-9)

BRETHREN, whatever anyone dares to boast of – I am speaking as a fool – I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one – I am talking like a madman – with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the 40 lashes, less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and am I not weak? Who is made to fall, and am I not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ, who, 14 years ago, was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(Chapter 16:13-19)

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do men say that I, the Son of man, am?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father, Who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July 19th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 20th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee hour is provided today by **Ghassan** and **Majeda Khoury**. Thank you.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall have their monthly meeting after Divine Liturgy next Sunday, July 6.
All teens and tweens of the parish are invited to attend.

Trisagion prayers are offered today by the **Ioup** and **Sidorovskaia families** for the repose of **Jean, Angeline, Elias George, Svetlana, Nina, Lilia**, and the departed members of the **Ioup, Kattouf** and **Sidorovskaia families** (memory eternal).

The **weekly church bulletin** is being emailed to parishioners at this time. Those persons interested in having the bulletin sent to them by email should see Father Peter. Hard copies of the bulletin shall continue to be available in the narthex as well.

The frozen, ready-to-cook packages of Lebanese recipes can now be bought at a discount. The beef shawarma (which sells for \$12 a package) can be bought 3 for \$30. The chicken shish ta'ouk (which sells for \$10 a package) can be bought 3 for \$25. A mixed group can be bought 3 for \$28. There are still a few frozen quarts of lentil soup, which can be bought for \$5.00 a piece.

As of June 22, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$73,985.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collection for June 22, 2014, totaled \$2,531.10 for a year-to-date total of \$51,954.41 (~\$2,078/week). We are approximately \$13,675 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 29:2

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