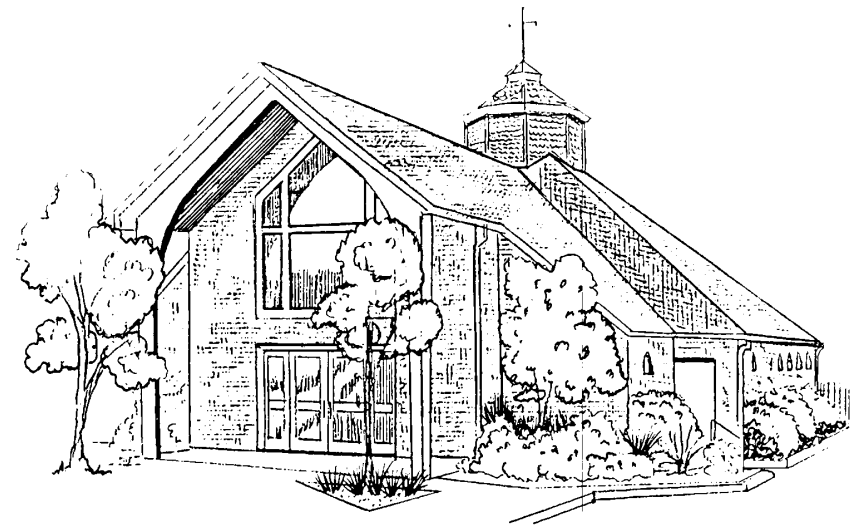


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**Blessed Peter, the Crown-Prince**

Peter, by descent, was a Tartar and the nephew of the Tartar King Berkai. He heard the words of salvation from Bishop Cyril of Rostov and those words adhered to his heart. And yet when he witnessed the miraculous healing of Berkai's son, by the help of Bishop Cyril's prayer, he secretly left the Golden Horde and fled to Rostov where he was baptized and where, with all his soul and mind, dedicated himself to asceticism and the study of the honorable Faith. Once at night, Saints Peter and Paul appeared to him in a dream on the shores of the lake and commanded him to build a church in their name on that same place and, along with that, Blessed Peter received from the saints the necessary amount of money for that purpose. Indeed, Blessed Peter built a most beautiful church there in which he, in old age, following the death of his wife, was tonsured a monk. Blessed Peter died peacefully in ripe old age on June 29, 1290 A.D. and his church became and remains a monastery called the Petrovski Monastery.

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**June 30, 2024**  
**Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*In our tradition... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 10:33-40; 12:1-2

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 9:36; 10:1-8

## Saints of the Day

The synaxis of the Twelve Apostles; Martyr Meliton; Martyr Peter of Sinope; New-martyr Michael the gardener; Martial, first bishop of Limoges; Erentrude the abbess of Salzburg; Andrew, prince of Bogoliubovo; Gelasius of Remit, archbishop.

## A Message from the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners, the following persons will serve as your Parish Council until the next annual meeting in 2025: Fr. Peter Nugent, Sevin Russell (Chairman), Stephen Pituch (Vice-Chairman), Bill Harrison (Treasurer), Elias Ioup (Secretary), Laurie Bolanos, Therese Dagher, Mark Fleming, Natalia Flint & Yordan Yordanov. Please pray for them, support them in their work and contact them if you have any questions or concerns about the Parish.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.  
Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## **Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum**



After Pascha, we chant “Christ is Risen from the Dead”, celebrating Christ’s miraculous resurrection. We are also mindful of the risen Christ’s promise that he will not abandon us after he ascends to the Father. He promises to send the Holy Spirit to be the Comforter of mankind. Indeed, that is what happened at Pentecost. On that day, we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, sent to empower an anxious band of Christ’s followers for preaching the good news to all. As Orthodox believers, we frequently pray to the Father and the Son. However, it seems difficult for us to pray directly to the Holy Spirit even though he is ever present in our lives. The Holy Orthodox Church has designated the Monday after Pentecost as Holy Spirit Day. St. Maximos the Greek (+1556), while suffering in a Russian prison, without prayerbooks or Holy Communion, was visited by an angel who assured of him of salvation. In gratitude, he composed “A Canon to the Holy Spirit,” writing it in charcoal on the walls of his cell. This Canon is still sung in Russian and Serbian monasteries on this special day. Let us also pray to the Holy Spirit in its powerful words:  
O Most Holy Spirit, Thou life, light and consolation, hope and delight of all: Vouchsafe Thy gifts unto those who acknowledge Thee to be God, equally enthroned with the Father and the Son; and grant them remission of sins. —Theo

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***Spiritual Counsels...***

“Plans are established by counsel; by wise guidance wage war”.

Proverbs 20:18

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fr. Peter will meet with the **inquirers and catechumens** of the parish on today, June 30, after coffee hour. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their July meeting on Sunday, July 14, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited.

God willing, Fr. Peter will attend the archdiocesan **Clergy Symposium** from Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26. For any pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr. George Wilson at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 504.282.0259.

God willing, **His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS** shall visit our parish on Monday, August 5. The ladies of the parish are invited to meet with His Grace from 9-11 A.M.; the youth are invited to meet with him from 11 A.M. until 1 P.M. and have lunch with him at that time. The men are invited to meet with him from 1-3 P.M. Liturgy will be celebrated that evening for the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. More information to follow.

**Today's Coffee Hour:** Potluck. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 1.