

Sts. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

First-enthroned of the apostles, teachers of the universe: Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

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20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: MARTYRS AKEPSIMAS THE
BISHOP, JOSEPH THE PRESBYTER, AND AETHALAS THE DEACON
TONE 3

Today	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Wed. 06	7:00pm	Bible Study
Sat. 09	10:00am	Vespers
Sun. 10	10:00am	Divine Liturgy

One must be baptized and chrismated an Orthodox Christian to receive Holy Communion. Guests are invited to receive a blessing at the chalice and partake of the post-Communion bread (Antidoron).

Fast Days: Fasting Wednesday and Friday.(fasting from meat, fish, eggs, dairy, oil, wine and hard spirits as you are able.)

Troparion – Tone 3
(Resurrection)

*Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength
with His arm.
He has trampled down death by
death.
He has become the first born of the
dead.
He has delivered us from the depths
of hell,
and has granted to the world
great mercy.*

Kontakion – Tone 2
(Martyrs)

*Thou didst celebrate the mysteries
blamelessly, O wise one,
and became thyself an acceptable
sacrifice, O divinely blessed one.
Thou didst gloriously drank of the
cup of Christ, Holy Akepsimas.
Together with thy fellow sufferers
thou art praying unceasingly to
Christ God for us all.*

Welcome to all visitors! Please join us upstairs in the church hall for coffee hour after liturgy.

Prayers for those in our Sts. Peter and Paul community (parishioners, family, friends) can be listed for remembrance in our litanies during the Liturgy. Feel free to give names to Fr. Nicholas - please indicate how each person listed is connected to us (parishioner, family, friend, etc.), as well as why we are praying for them (health, memory, travel, etc.).

Confessions can be heard by appointment. If you need, I will come to you during the week. Please do not hesitate to call for a time to drop by the church or to have me visit you.

Remembrances for both the living and the dead during the prayers of preparation of the Eucharistic Lamb and during the Augmented Litany should be given the week before the desired remembrance so that the names can be put into the bulletin and given to the Deacons for the prayers. Any names of the living that are not marked as sick or traveling will be listed under general prayers.

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

Church Lectionary

Today

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:8
Matthew 10:1, 5-8
Galatians 1:11-19
Luke 8:41-56

Monday

Philippians 4:10-23
Luke 12:13-15, 22-31

Tuesday

Colossians 1:1-2, 7-11
Luke 12:42-48

Wednesday

Colossians 1:18-23
Luke 12:48-59

Thursday

Colossians 1:24-29
Luke 13:1-9

Friday

Hebrews 2:2-10
Luke 10:16-21
Colossians 2:1-7
Luke 13:31-35

Saturday

2 Corinthians 3:12-18
Luke 9:37-43

Reading the Bible in a Year

Nov 03: John 4-6
Nov 04: John 7-9
Nov 05: John 10-12
Nov 06: John 13-15
Nov 07: John 16-18
Nov 08: John 19-21
Nov 09: Acts 1-3

Special Prayers

Ill/Home-bound:

Ruth Rifkin, Virginia Daka, Emmelia Stone, Liam, Denise Gormley, Sonya, Anna, George, Lyanna, Barbara, Katelyn, Margarita, Annmarie, Shpresa, Ralph John, Christina, Mary, Alexandra, Matthew, Fran, Sophie Plasari, Donna, Fr. Gregory & Mat. Linda DuDash, Leon, child Luka, child Makayla, Rhonda, Ashley, John, Lev, Margarita, Ludmilla, Jake, Amanda, George, David, Thomas, Helen

General:

Michael,, John, Darian, Tammy, Jean Dimitri, Cheryl Dimitri, Jason, Anna, George, Sonya, Catherine, Alisha, Sasha, Joseph, Kimberly, Niko, Kristin, Robert, Jerry, Pina, Jerry, Chris, Matt, Gianna, Menina, John, Eugenia and the child to be born of her, Sophia and the child to be born of her, Catherine and the child to be born of her, Rajli, Aisha and their daughter Iris

Memory Eternal: Newly Departed Khouria Anastasia, Tamara

November

06 – 7:00pm Bible Study
08 – 6:00pm Fun Night
09 – 6:00pm Vespers
10– 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
12 – 7:00pm Orthodoxy on Tap
13 – 7:00pm Bible Study

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

Valentine & Lucy Nesrova A – 11/04
Joanne Johns B – 11/06
Nick Schaeffer B – 11/07
Abigail Vrato B – 11/07
Kaila Schaeffer B – 11/08

We are accepting orders for etched glass teardrop-shaped ornaments which will be hung on our Christmas tree in church during the Nativity season.

The donation for one ornament is \$40.

If you purchase more than one ornament, the donation will be as follows: 1 - \$40, 2 - \$75, 3 - \$100, 4 + - \$25 for each additional ornament

If you would like to place an order for one or more ornaments, please complete the order form at the candle room. Please be sure to include your name and phone number. Donna Bacon will check each order carefully and call you with any questions or concerns. The ornaments will hang on our tree through the Nativity season. Thereafter, you will take them home with you and may bring them back again each year with a suggested memorial donation of \$10.

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***The Holy Apostle John the
Theologian says that the
commandments of God are
not difficult, but easy (I John,
5:3). But they are only easy
because of love, while they are
all difficult if there is no love.***

-St. Silouan the Athonite

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November/December Events

16 – 6:00pm Vespers
17 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
20 – 7:00pm Vespers Liturgy
Entrance of the Theotokos
23 – 6:00pm Vespers
24– 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

27 – 7:00pm Daily vespers & Bible
Study
30 – 6:00pm Vespers

December

01 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

Coffee Hour

Today: Ladies Society

Next Week: Schaeffer family

Ss. Peter & Paul Saturday, December 7th, 10:00am – 4:00pm **St. Nicholas Day Youth Retreat**

*Learn About the real Santa Claus
through the art of Niko Chocheli*

**Crafts to take home – Fun and Fellowship
Lunch Provided**

*(Let Fr. Nicholas know of any food allergies)
ALL ARE WELCOME! INVITE FRIENDS!*

*We do ask you to register if you are able in order to enable
us to plan for the meal and St. Nicholas Day Gifts*

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Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Children's Word

Laughing at God?

Has anybody ever laughed at you? Not with you, but at you? Sure! We all do things that are silly. But today in the Gospel reading, we hear about some people who laughed at our Lord, Jesus Christ! Can you imagine?

A man named Jairus rushed to find Jesus because his daughter was so sick. On the way to the man's house, Jesus told them that the girl would get better. But when Jesus got to the house, He found the family very sad. "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping," our Lord told them. Then they laughed at Jesus, because they knew that she was dead. They laughed, because they didn't believe Him! Christ healed the girl anyway, and she even got up and had dinner.

That was a very serious thing to laugh at! People might laugh at you sometimes, even when you are being serious. Maybe when you bow your head to pray at lunchtime, or if you make the sign of Cross before a test, or when you ride in a friend's car. But always remember to be strong. Know that our loving and powerful Lord is with you, just as He was with the young girl in the Gospel story today!

SAINT DIMITRI OF ROSTOV: BRINGING THE SAINTS TO US

Do you like to hear about heroes? Maybe you've seen movies about superheroes, or maybe you've read books about them. You might have heard about real heroes too, ones who are great examples to us!

Many years ago, in Russia, one saint wanted people to hear stories about real heroes too. And who were those heroes? The saints! Saint Dimitri was born about 400 years ago. He was a bishop, and he wrote and spoke so well that people called him the "Chrysostom of Russia" because he reminded them of another special saint, Saint John Chrysostom. He wrote and spoke really wonderful sermons that we still have today!

One thing we remember St. Dimitri for is that he wrote 12 volumes— 12 whole books—of the Lives of the Saints. He wanted the faithful people to know real heroes, real saints who could be examples to them. Before St. Dimitri, the people of Russia did not have a way to read about all these wonderful heroes.

Today, we have lots and lots of books about our beloved saints. You can find many, even for children! Saint Dimitri of Rostov reminds us to look to the saints because we can see what God has done for them. Do you think you can try to learn about another saint's story this week?

We celebrate St. Dimitri tomorrow, Oct. 28th.

I'm Glad! You Be Glad Too!

October 29, 2019 · Fr. Barnabas Powell

"Here's a little song I wrote. You might want to sing it note for note. Don't worry! Be happy!" Yep, I loved that song, for about a day, and then it was being played so often I got sick of it rather quickly! But still, Bobby McFerrin captured in his "little song" a notion we Christians should explore today.

And it is this: Happiness is a choice, just like love is a choice! While there are emotions attached to these choices, happiness and love are not emotions; they are choices we make every day. You see, if your mood or your devotion is governed by outside circumstances then you are a slave to powers beyond your control and you will always be at the mercy of outside forces. And you weren't made to be a slave to anyone or anything but the God Who loves you more than you, yourself, know how to love! If happiness and love are always dependent on events or others then they will be as unstable as the shifting sand and your life will be a series of efforts to try to control everything outside you so that you will be happy. How's that working out for you?

Look at St. Paul's wisdom to the Church at Philippi today in Philippians 2:16-23:

BRETHREN, I do not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured as a libation upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. I have no one like him, who will be genuinely anxious for your welfare. They all look after their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But Timothy's worth you know, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me.

St. Paul writes the Philippian Church from jail! That's right, St. Paul has been arrested and placed in custody and he writes to Philippi after they had sent their priest, St. Epaphroditus, to St. Paul to bring him some assistance. So St. Paul's circumstances weren't very accommodating to a "happy" existence and yet he tells the believers "I am glad and I rejoice with you all."

And what is the source of this gladness and rejoicing? St. Paul declares "I do not run in vain or labor in vain." Paul's gladness and rejoicing rested in his purpose, not his circumstances. In fact, if St. Paul depended on his circumstances, he'd be depressed most of the time! But his happiness is his choice to see beyond the temporary, even life-threatening, immediate situation to the ultimate purpose and destiny of his work! His love for the parish at Philippi and his confidence in their faith is all the proof he needs to rest in his faith and not in his surroundings! And what freedom this creates for St. Paul! He is free to be at peace in the middle of conflict. He is free to be content in any situation. He is free to love even those who don't love him without worrying. In short, because St. Paul sees his happiness as his choice, he is free!

Today, are you free? Do you recognize the genius of the Faith to orient you toward freedom and joy? Do you see the wisdom in the Faith to give you a lifestyle of purposeful practice that is all designed to accomplish your freedom and your peace? This is a perfect moment to allow the wisdom of the Faith to reorient you to happiness based on your purpose and not your circumstances. This is the day to be Orthodox on Purpose!



Khouria Anastasia Farha, 36, a native Yup'ik from Kwethluk, Alaska, passed away at the Hillsboro Community Hospital, November 1st, 2019 leaving her husband, Father Isaac Farha, of Wichita, Kansas and their four children, Peter (11) Melania (9), Barbara (7), and Biana (5).

There is a **gofundme** account to cover funeral expenses, travel expenses of Native Alaskan family members and to provide for the ongoing needs of the family.

Who can put a price on a loving wife and mother? Father Isaac will need our help to raise these children.

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." -James 1:27

Please give generously!

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