

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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22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: ST GREGORY THE
WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF NEO-CAESAREA
TONE 5

Today 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Wed. 20 7:00pm Vespers
Entrance of the Theotokos
Sat. 23 6:00am Vespers
Sun. 24 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 5
(Resurrection)**

*Let us, the faithful, praise and
worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the
Spirit,
born for our salvation from the
Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the
Cross in the flesh,
to endure death, and to raise the
dead
by His glorious Resurrection.*

**Kontakion – Tone 2
(Hierarch Gregory the
Wonderworker)**

*Thou didst receive the power to
perform miracles,
frightening the devils and healing
the sick through thy
wonderworking.
O All-wise Father Gregory,
thy deeds truly entitle thee to be
called Wonderworker.*

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
Galatians 6:11-18
Luke 12:16-21

Monday
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Luke 17:20-25

Tuesday
1 Thessalonians 1:6-10
Luke 17:26-37

Wednesday
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

Thursday
1 Thessalonians 2:9-14
Luke 18:31-34
Hebrews 9:1-7
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Friday
1 Thessalonians 2:14-19
Luke 19:12-28

Saturday
2 Corinthians 8:1-5
Luke 10:19-21

Reading the Bible in a Year

Nov 17: Acts 25-28
Nov 18: Romans 1-3
Nov 19: Romans 4-6
Nov 20: Romans 7-9
Nov 21: Romans 10-12
Nov 22: Romans 13-16
Nov 23: 1 Corinthians 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,

Memory Eternal: Newly Departed Khouria Anastasia,

The things that are of the world remain in the world, and whatever riches we gather are bequeathed to our heirs. The things that we cannot take away with us are not ours either. Only virtue is the companion of the dead.

Compassion alone follows us. It is the guide to the heavens and the first of the mansions. Through the use of worthless money, it acquires eternal dwellings for the dead.

-St. Ambrose



November

17 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

20 - 7:00pm Vespers
Entrance of the Theotokos

23 - 6:00pm Vespers

24 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

November/December Events

30 - 6:00pm Vespers

December

01 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

04 - 7:00pm Akathist & Bible Study

07 - 10:00am St. Nicholas Retreat
6:00pm Vespers & General
Confession

08 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

11 - 7:00pm Akathist & Bible Study

13 - 6:00pm Fun Night

14 - 6:00pm Vespers

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

Alicia Jaroni B - 11/17

Elena Greendlinger B - 11/20

We are beginning to prepare the 2019 community Christmas card. To have your name included, see Jim Schaeffer after Liturgy or send a minimum donation of \$10 or more with a notice that it is for the Christmas card. We will be collecting during the month of November.

The Ladies Society would like to announce that the Annual Penny Party will be held on December 8th after Divine Liturgy. They are accepting donations of new presents for the event. Please contact Tish Desloges to arrange donations. The more donations that come in, the better the event!

Coffee Hour

Today: Schaeffer family

Next Week: Spresha Vesho Family Memorial

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 6:11-18

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised 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, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Children's Word

All about me!

Have you ever talked to somebody who only talks about himself? Maybe he talked about what he wanted to do, what he wanted to eat, what he wanted to play, what he thought was interesting. It's no fun talking to somebody who thinks only about himself!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear a story about a man who also thought only about himself. But this time, our Lord shows us that when we think about ourselves all the time, we can't be close to God and our neighbor.

The man in the Gospel story today had lots of crops and he brought in a lot of grain one year. He thought about what he should do with it, but sadly, he only thought about himself! He didn't think of a way he could help others. He only thought about what he could do with the grain so he could enjoy it himself. He decided that he would knock down his little barns and build bigger ones. Then he decided that he would "eat, drink, and be merry." Our Lord reminds us that we can't just think about ourselves all the time if we want to be close to Him. When we have extra of something, let's think of people who need it. When God gives us something, let's share it with others! God wants us to show love for others, not just ourselves!

SAINT LAZARUS THE ICONOGRAPHER PAINTING THE LORD

Have you ever drawn a picture of yourself or of somebody you know? Some people have a real talent for drawing.

Today we celebrate the nameday of a saint who had a special talent for drawing...not pictures of landscapes or animals or portraits, but for holy pictures. Saint Lazarus had a gift for painting holy icons.

Unfortunately, Saint Lazarus lived during a time when having icons was not allowed. The emperor destroyed many icons and he even punished people who painted them. Saint Lazarus was arrested and put in jail. The emperor told him he would be killed if he didn't destroy the holy icons he had painted. But Saint Lazarus wouldn't give in.

Saint Lazarus was allowed to leave prison, and he kept painting these holy icons. He was hurt and punished, but he never gave up. He knew that Jesus Christ and the saints were real. He knew that people could draw and paint them. He knew that icons help people think about Christ and His saints and pray to them!

Later, Empress Saint Theodora brought icons back. Saint Lazarus wanted to thank her for this, so he painted her a special icon of Saint John the Baptist. He also repainted an icon of Christ in her palace. (It had been destroyed.)

We thank Saint Lazarus for his courage!

We celebrate Saint Lazarus today, Nov. 17th

Watered Down Faith

November 12, 2019 · Fr. Barnabas Powell

"It's like trying to take an aspirin for cancer!" OK, that got my attention! The speaker was talking about the dangers of watering down the clear message needed for our group so that it wasn't so discomfoting. But his illustration really drove the point home that some problems need the fully potent dose of truth to be corrected.

I admit it hit home with me, especially as I thought about how just a "little bit" of the truth can sometimes make me "immune" to the full weight of the truth I need for my life. It's like getting a vaccine against a disease – they give you a mild form of the disease so that you build up an immunity to the sickness. But imagine how dangerous it is to become immune to the truth!

Look at our Gospel Lesson today in Matthew 5:14-19:

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus makes it clear that His faithful followers will be the light of the world. They will be a "city set on a hill that cannot be hidden." Notice, He doesn't say we should try to be the light of the world or a city that can't be hidden. He simply declares that His true followers "will BE" this obvious to the whole world. And if the Light is hidden THAT will be obvious as well!

This insight, this reality, flows from His clear wisdom He declares when He says that He hasn't come to destroy the law and the prophets, to destroy the past, but to fulfill them!

You see, your fidelity to the wisdom of the faith that transcends time and space, your active participation in the Life of the Faith MAKES YOU the light of the world. This active participation in regular liturgies, daily prayers, generous giving, and willingness to share this faith with others sets you free to be what Christ says you are: The Light of the world. And this very purposeful Orthodoxy is the spiritual medicine at full potency and not the diluted "medicine" that simply makes others immune to the fullness of the faith.

Have you ever wondered why some find it so easy to abandon the Orthodox Church? Could it be that they have been "inoculated" by a diluted witness of the Faith? How sad that we insist on potent medicines for our physical ailments but accept watered-down "medicines" for our souls. No wonder we grieve when our children make choices that cause them to drift further from the Faith we've known our whole lives. And yet, all is not lost. No, we can, and must, abandon the diluted witness of a Faith used more as a cultural decoration rather than the center of our very existence.

So, Today, have the courage to accept the wisdom of the faith at full dosage so that your deepest and most damning spiritual disease will be healed by God's undiluted Love! Then share that medicine with others! It's what being Orthodox on Purpose is all about!



Khouria Anastasia Farha, 36, a native Yup'ik from Kwethluk, Alaska, passed away at the Hillsborro Community Hospital, November 1st, 2019 leaving her husband, Father Isaac Farha, of Witchita, 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!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/memory-eternal-kh-anastasia-farha>

