

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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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY:
ERASTUS, OLYMPAS, RODION, SOSIPATER, QUARTUS AND TERTIUS
AND THEIR COMPANIONS

TONE 4

Today	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Wed. 13	7:00pm	Bible Study
Sat. 16	10:00am	Vespers
Sun. 17	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 4
(Resurrection)

*When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous
message of thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,
granting the world great mercy!”*

Kontakion – Tone 4
(Resurrection)

*My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and
delivered the earth-born from their
chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,
He has risen on the third day!*

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 2:16-20

Luke 10:25-37

Monday

Colossians 2:13-20

Luke 14:12-15

Tuesday

Colossians 2:20-3:3

Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday

Colossians 3:17-4:1

Luke 15:1-10

Thursday

Colossians 4:2-9

Luke 16:1-9

Friday

Colossians 4:10-18

Luke 16:15-18, 17:1-4

Saturday

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Luke 9:57-62

Reading the Bible in a Year

Nov 10: Acts 4-6

Nov 11: Acts 7-9

Nov 12: Acts 10-12

Nov 13: Acts 13-15

Nov 14: Acts 16-18

Nov 15: Acts 19-21

Nov 16: Acts 22-24

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,

November

10- 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
12 - 7:00pm *Orthodoxy on Tap*
13 - 7:00pm Bible Study
16 - 6:00pm Vespers
17 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

Stuart & Jolita Barenbaum A - 11/12

Memorial Ornaments

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.



"When the soul betrays itself and loses the blessed and longed-for fervor, let it carefully investigate the reason for losing it. And let it arm itself with all its longing and zeal against whatever caused this. For the former fervor can return only through the same door through which it was lost."

-St. John Climacus



November/December Events

20 - 7:00pm Vespersal Liturgy
Entrance of the Theotokos
23 - 6:00pm Vespers
24- 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
30 - 6:00pm Vespers

December

01 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
04 - 7:00pm Akathist & Bible Study
06 - 6:00pm Fun Night
07 - 10:00am St. Nicholas Retreat
6:00pm Vespers & General
Confession

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 2:16-20 (Epistle)

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Children's Word

Be the One Who Shows Mercy

Have you ever wondered how many times we say, "Lord, have mercy!" in the Liturgy? We say it almost 50 times! We say it so many times because we want God to hear us. We want God to forgive us, and keep us with Him even though we don't always do the right thing! We know that only God has the power to do these things for us.

Today we hear the Gospel reading about the Good Samaritan. You know, the story Jesus told about the man who was robbed and beaten up on a trip. Two holy men walked by, but it was a stranger who took care of him. At the end of the story, Jesus asked, "Which of these three acted as a good neighbor?" And of course the answer was, "The one who showed mercy."

We ask God for mercy all the time. We say, "Lord, have mercy!" so many times. We want God to be nice to us and to help us even when we do the wrong thing. God has the power to do that. But sometimes we don't always show mercy to other people. We aren't always nice to other people and we don't always help them when they need help. We have the power to do that for others!

Let's remember how much we need God's mercy. Then, every day, let's try to be "the one who showed mercy" too!

SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE HE BROUGHT OTHERS TO CHRIST!

Have you ever introduced one of your friends to another friend? This week we celebrate the feastday of one of the apostles, Saint Philip. We hear about Saint Philip a few times in the Gospel. The first time we hear about him is when Jesus told Philip, "Follow me." Then, Philip told his friend Nathaniel the special Person he had met. So, Philip introduced his friend to his friend, our Lord, Jesus Christ! Saint Philip spent a few years following Christ, while our Lord was preaching and healing people on earth. Then, he spent the rest of his life following Christ, too.

He introduced more people to his friend and teacher, Jesus Christ, too.

Our Church tells us that Saint Philip lived in Galilee (where Jesus was from) after Jesus went up to heaven. He told people about Christ there. He also healed many people, with the power of God. One time, a baby had died, and Saint Philip prayed to God and raised the little child up.

Saint Philip introduced strangers to Christ, too! He went to Greece and told people who believed in idols about Christ. Many people became Christian because of him. Finally, the saint was crucified on a cross, because the governor did not want to believe.

We celebrate Saint Philip on Saturday, Nov. 14th.

The Temptation of Misplaced Trust

November 4, 2019 · Fr. Barnabas Powell

Say what you will about the old TV shows: They were naive. They weren't completely honest. They were sentimental. All of that may be true, but at least they attempted to foster the best of our hopes and dreams rather than pandering to our lowest desires. One such show was "Father Knows Best." Robert Young played the dad and the comedy was gentle, but the show focused on a good-natured father who really was a source of wisdom and example for his family. So, yeah, it may have been a bit unrealistic, but at least dad was the hero instead of the buffoon or the tyrant so often portrayed in today's media.

Call me a bit nostalgic, but shouldn't we desire the highest ideals instead of a false and so-called "honesty" that glorifies darkness?

It's this missing the point; this skewed focus on lesser things; that takes our lives down the wrong paths. Losing the ability to set our sights on proper priorities and ultimate destinations sends our lives spiraling out of control and soon we look around and ask the question "How did I get here?"

Look at our Gospel Lesson today in Luke 12:13-15, 22-31. The Lord is teaching those following Him about just this very truth: It isn't in focusing on your immediate success or possessions or achievements that is going to make your life fulfilling. It's picking out that ultimate "spot" at the end of your life that will make your life straight!

And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well. Luke 12:25-31

So, worrying about all these lesser goals is just like looking down while you're plowing a field: your row is going to be a crooked as a dog's hind leg! Your life is going to be filled with worry and disappointment and jealousy and anger and all manner of spiritually poisonous illnesses. Foolishly being gripped by this short-sighted living means you'll never know the freedom of generosity, of peaceful trust that God knows what you need from day to day and that unhurried confidence of knowing where you are ultimately going. Looking at how God takes care of His world is meant to show you that God knows what you need as well! Do you see the power in this spiritually mature perspective? This means that every event, no matter how pleasant or how difficult, is ultimately a moment where you can learn, be shaped by, and assisted in your ultimate destination. And all you have to do is refuse to fall into the short-sighted trap of looking down at the moment rather than keeping your eyes on your final destination. After all, your Father knows what you need from day to day and He loves you even more than you love yourself. And His love is so much more trustworthy than any self-love we may have! Father really does know best!

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!



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 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!

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