

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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3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST, HOLY RIGHTEOUS ONES: JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING, AND JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD

Today	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
Mon 31	7:00pm	Vesperal Liturgy & Pot Luck
Wed. 02	7:00pm	Bible Study
Sat. 29	4:00pm	Pot Luck Holy Supper
	6:00pm	Compline & Matins
Sun. 30	10:00am	Divine Liturgy <i>Theophany of our Lord</i>

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: Every day (fasting from meat, fish, eggs, dairy, oil, wine and hard spirits as you are able.)

Troparion – Tone 4 **(for the Feast)**

*Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shone to the world the light of
wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the
stars,
were taught by a star to adore Thee,
the Sun of righteousness,
and to know Thee, the Orient from
on high.
O Lord, glory to Thee!*

Kontakion – Tone 3 **(of the Righteous Ones)**

*Today godly David is filled with joy;
Joseph and James offer praise.
The glorious crown of their kinship
with Christ fills them with great joy.
They sing praises to the One
ineffably born on earth,
and they cry out: "O Compassionate
One, save those who honor Thee!"*

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 1:11-19
Matthew 2:13-23

Monday

James 2:14-26
Mark 12:13-17

Tuesday

Hebrews 7:26-8:2
Luke 6:17-23
2 Timothy 4:5-8
Mark 1:1-8

Wednesday

James 3:11-4:6
Mark 12:28-37

Thursday

James 4:7-5:9
Mark 12:38-44

Friday

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10
Mark 13:1-8

Saturday

1 Corinthians 10:1-4
Mark 1:9-11

Reading the Bible in a Year

Dec 30: Revelation 16-18
Dec 31: Revelation 19-22
Jan 01: Genesis 1-4
Jan 02: Genesis 5-8
Jan 03: Genesis 9-12
Jan 04: Genesis 13-16
Jan 05: Genesis 17-20

Special Prayers

Ill/Home-bound:

Virginia Rifkin, Ruth Rifkin, Virginia Daka, Emmelia Stone, Liam, Denise Gormley, Victor, Sonya, Anna, George, Lyanna, Barbara, Katelyn, Margarita, Annmarie, Shpresa, Ralph John, Christina, Mary, Alexandra, Matthew, Fran, Sophie Plasari, Donna, Mat. Linda DuDash, Leon, the child Luka, child Makayla, Rhonda, Fr. Patrick

General:

Michael Peterson, 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, Fr. Gregory DuDash,

Memory Eternal: Thimi Ndrio, Lambi



Blessed is the man who uses his sufferings, knowing that all suffering in this brief life is loosed on men by God in His love for mankind, for the benefit and assistance of men. In His mercy, God looses suffering on men because of their sins – by His mercy and not His justice. For, if it were by His justice, every sin would inevitably bring death, as the Apostle says: “Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (James 1: 15). In place of death, God gives healing through suffering. Suffering is God’s way of healing the soul of its sinful leprosy and its death.

- St. Nikolai Velimirovich



December/January Events

December

31 – 7:00pm Vesperal Liturgy & Pot Luck
Circumcision of Christ,
St. Basil's day &
New Year

January

02 – 7:00pm Bible Study

05 – 4:00pm Holy Supper (potluck)
6:00pm Compline & Matins
06 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Theophany of our lord
Great blessing of water
Sunday School
09 – 7:00pm Bible Study
11 – 6:00pm Fun Night
12 – 6:00pm Vespers
13 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

16 – 7:00pm Bible Study
19 – 6:00pm Vespers
20 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
23 – 7:00pm Bible Study
26 – 6:00pm Vespers
27 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
30 – 7:00pm Bible Study

We are having a Potluck Holy Supper for Theophany on Saturday, January 5. Please bring your favorite strict-fast dish to church at 4:00pm to share with each other. Many families have this tradition, with many different varieties of foods. Please contact Tish and let us know what you plan to bring! This will keep us from all bringing the same item and missing out on the rest of the wonderful foods.

Coffee Hour

Today: Thimi Ndrio Memorial
Next Week:

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

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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. 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.

Matthew 2:13-23 (Gospel)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "*A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.*" Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Children's Word

Have you ever found a word in the Bible that you don't understand? Sometimes grown-ups even have to find out what a word means.

In the epistle reading today, Saint Paul tells us where the gospel, the good news, came from. "For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ." Do you know what the word "revelation" means? A revelation means something that is revealed, something that is shown. Saint Paul means that God showed him something. God showed him the way with Jesus Christ.

Later on, Saint Paul says that God "was pleased to reveal His Son to me." God showed Jesus to him. God showed him the way to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Did you know that God can reveal His Son to us too? God shows us His Son, Jesus Christ, when we read the Bible. He shows us His Son when we go to church and receive Holy Communion. He shows us His Son when we pray to Him, together with our friends at church, or when we pray alone. Let's ask God to reveal His Son to us, so we can be more like our Lord, Jesus Christ!

SAINT MELANIA, THE YOUNGER THE NUN OF ROME

Have you ever ridden by some super fancy, super huge houses, and wondered what it would be like to live there?

Tomorrow we celebrate Saint Melania, a person who did live in one of those kinds of houses, and she gave it all up. One historian wrote about her life, just a few years after Melania died. He wrote about how much money and land her family had when she was a child. "On one side lay the sea and on the other some woodland with animals for hunting, so that when she was bathing in the pool, she could see ships passing by and animals in the woods. The property also included 60 large houses, each with 400 servants." Wow! 60 houses, and 24,000 servants. Can you even imagine that?

But Saint Melania wasn't impressed! Saint Melania wanted to dedicate her life to Christ. When she was a young woman, she got married, but sadly, her two children died. She and her husband gave away all that treasure to the church and to the poor. Then they traveled far away from Italy, to Africa and later to the Middle East. They started convents and a church.

Sometimes when we have something, we might want to have more and more. Saint Melania didn't want to have more and more money. She wanted to have more and more of Christ's love! And isn't that a better thing?

We celebrate St. Melania on Monday, December 31st

• JANUARY 2019 •

30 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School	31 7:00pm Vesperal Liturgy & potluck	01 <i>Circumcision of Christ & St. Basil Day</i>	02 7:00pm Bible Study	03	04	05 4:00pm <i>Potluck Holy Supper</i> 6:00pm Compline & Matins
06 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School <i>Theophany</i>	07	08	09 7:00pm Bible Study	10	11 6:00 pm Fun Night	12 6:00pm Vespers & General Confession
13 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School	14	15	16 7:00pm Bible Study	17	18	19 6:00pm Vespers
20 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School <i>3:00pm Blessing of the Schuylkill river</i>	21	22	23 7:00pm Bible Study	24	25	26 6:00pm Vespers

27 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School	28	29	30 7:00pm Bible Study	31	01	02
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