

# 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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SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON  
FIRST AND SECOND FINDINGS OF THE HEAD OF THE PROPHET,  
FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST OF THE LORD, JOHN  
TONE 6

Today ..... 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Sunday School  
Wed. 27 ..... 7:00pm Bible Study  
Sat. 02 ..... 6:00pm Vespers  
Sun. 03 ..... 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Sunday School

**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:** This is a fast free week!

**Troparion – Tone 6  
(Resurrection)**

*The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Thy grave,  
seeking Thy most pure body.  
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.  
Thou didst come to the Virgin,  
granting life.  
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.*

**Kontakion – Tone 3  
(from the Lenten Triodion)**

*I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father;  
and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me.  
And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal:  
“I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father;  
receive me as a penitent,  
and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”*

**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 6:12-20  
Luke 15:11-32

### Monday

1 John 2:18-3:10  
Mark 11:1-11

### Tuesday

1 John 3:11-20  
Mark 14:10-42

### Wednesday

1 John 3:21-4:6  
Mark 14:43-15:1

### Thursday

1 John 4:20-5:21  
Mark 15:1-15

### Friday

2 John 1:1-13  
Mark 15:22-25, 33-41

### Saturday

1 Corinthians 10:23-28  
Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36

## Reading the Bible in a Year

Feb 24: Judges 5-8  
Feb 25: Judges 9-12  
Feb 26: Judges 13-16  
Feb 27: Judges 17-21  
Feb 28: Ruth  
Mar 01: 1 Samuel 1-4  
Mar 02: 1 Samuel 5-8

## 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, Michael, Fr. Gregory & Mat. Linda DuDash, Leon, child Luka, child Makayla, Rhonda, Ashley, CJ, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Lev, Margarita

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,

Memory Eternal: Newly departed Bishop Athanasius, Newly departed Frosina, Newly departed Martha Linski, Newly departed Helen, Anna, Juriy, Tamara, Elena, Alexey, Victor, Inessa



***“In the mercy of God, the little thing done with humility will enable us to be found in the same place as the saints who have labored much and been true servants of God.”***

- St. Dorotheos of Gaza



## February/March Events

### February

24 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Sunday School  
27 – 7:00pm Bible Study

### March

02 – 6:00pm Vespers & General  
Confession

03 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Sunday School

06 – 7:00pm Bible Study  
08 – 6:00pm Fun Night  
09 – 6:00pm Vespers

10 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Sunday School  
Forgiveness Vespers

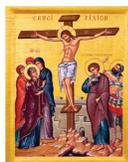
11 – 7:00pm Canon of St. Andrew  
12 – 7:00pm Canon of St. Andrew  
13 – 7:00pm Canon of St. Andrew  
14 – 7:00pm Canon of St. Andrew  
16 – 6:00pm Vespers  
17 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy  
Sunday School

## Coffee Hour

Today: Linski & Dali Memorials  
Next Week:

## Birthdays/ Anniversaries

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**LIFE  
THROUGH  
DEATH**  
AN ORTHODOX REFLECTION  
WITH FR. JOHN BEHR

St. George Orthodox Church Annual Lenten Retreat Series

Friday March 1

Youth and Young Adult Discussion - 7:00p

“A Christian ending to our life: painless, blameless and peaceful”

Supplication Service to St. David of Wales - 9:30pm

Saturday March 2

Trisagion for Saturday of Souls - 10:00am

Lunch - 11:00am

Session 1 - 12:00pm

Presentation “A Christian Ending: Ministry to the Dying” - 1:30pm

Session 2 - 2:00pm

Vespers 4:00pm

St. George Orthodox Church  
8210 W. Chester Pike  
Upper Darby, PA 19082

To Register Please Visit:  
Saintgeorgeupperdarby.org

Or call  
610-853-1171

Suggested Donation: \$10/person; or \$25/family



## **1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (Epistle)**

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

## **Luke 15:11-32 (Gospel)**

Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

## **Children's Word**

Can you think about a time you did something really wrong? Maybe you thought you would get in really big trouble for it. Maybe you really felt sorry about it, and you wished you hadn’t done it.

In today’s Gospel reading, we read the story of the Prodigal Son. Remember, this young man had done some wrong things too. His father gave him lots of money, and this young man took it and spent it all! And he didn’t just spend it...he wasted it on all kinds of bad stuff. He was really living an awful life. But still, after all that time, he decided to go back home.

This young man felt sorry about the things he had done, and he wished he hadn’t done them. He thought he would get in really big trouble for it. The Gospel tells us that on the way back home, he was thinking about how he was going to tell his father how sorry he was.

But what happened next? The father forgave his son, and he welcomed him back with lots of joy.

Sometimes, you might do the wrong thing at home. Maybe your parents are angry with you, and sometimes you might get in trouble. But they still love you, and they want you to turn around and change. That’s the same way our Lord is too. God always loves us, even when we do wrong things. And He is always full of joy when we turn back to Him!

The Saint from Brooklyn: Saint Raphael

Have you ever been to New York City? Did you know we have an American saint from Brooklyn?

St. Raphael was born in Lebanon, and when he became a priest, the tsar in Russia sent him to America to take care of the Orthodox here. In 1904, St. Raphael became the very first person to become a bishop in America.

As a bishop, St. Raphael worked hard to serve the Church. He started 30 Orthodox churches here! He opened the cathedral in New York called St. Nicholas Cathedral. He also helped start a monastery in Pennsylvania—St. Tikhon’s Monastery.

Now, when you travel throughout America, you can always find an Orthodox church to visit. But when St. Raphael lived in this country, that wasn’t true! He traveled all the way across the country and visited 30 different cities between New York and San Francisco, California. Many of the Orthodox people living in this country did not have a church to go to. He baptized lots of people, married them, and served Liturgy wherever he went.

We remember St. Raphael of Brooklyn because he did so much to start the Orthodox Church here in America. We celebrate St. Raphael on Wednesday, Feb. 27th

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27 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School 3:00pm <i>Blessing of the Schuylkill river</i>	28	29	30 7:00pm Bible Study	31	01 7:00pm youth retreat @ St. George Antiochian	02 10:00am <i>retreat @ St. George Antiochian</i> 6:00pm Vespers & General Confession
03 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School <i>Meatfare</i>	04	05	06 7:00pm Bible Study	07	08 6:00 pm Fun Night	09 6:00pm Vespers & General Confession
10 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Forgiveness Vespers <i>Cheesefare</i>	11 7:00pm Canon of St. Andrew	12 7:00pm Canon of St. Andrew	13 7:00pm Canon of St. Andrew	14 7:00pm Canon of St. Andrew	15	16 6:00pm Vespers
17 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School 4:00pm <i>Lenten Vespers @ St. Michael Parish Wilmington, DE</i>	18	19	20 7:00pm Presanctified & Pot Luck	21	22	23 6:00pm Vespers
24 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School 4:00pm <i>Lenten Vespers @ Decent of the Holy Spirit Parish Elkins Park, PA</i>	25 9:00am Divine Liturgy <i>Annunciation</i>	26	27 7:00pm Presanctified & Pot Luck	28	29	30 6:00pm Vespers