

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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34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: VEN EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT
TONE 1

Today 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
Wed. 23 7:00pm Bible Study
Sat. 26 6:00pm Vespers
Sun. 27 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: Every day (fasting from meat, fish, eggs, dairy, oil, wine and hard spirits as you are able.)

Troparion – Tone 4
(Venerable Euthymius)

*Rejoice, barren wilderness!
Be glad, sterile desert that has never
known the travail of birth!
The man of desires, Euthymius, has
multiplied thy sons;
he has planted them in faith and piety.
He has watered them with the Holy
Spirit;
they grow in self-denial and perfect
virtue.
Through his intercessions, Christ our
God, preserve Thy people in peace!*

Kontakion – Tone 1
(Resurrection)

*As God, Thou didst rise from the
tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as God,
for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from
bondage and cries to Thee:
“Thou art the Giver of Resurrection
to all, O Christ!”*

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

Colossians 3:4-11
Luke 18:35-43

Monday

Hebrews 8:7-13
Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday

Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23
Mark 8:22-26

Wednesday

Hebrews 10:1-18
Mark 8:30-34

Thursday

Hebrews 10:35-11:7
Mark 9:10-16

Friday

Hebrews 11:8, 11-16
Mark 9:33-41

Saturday

Ephesians 5:1-8
Luke 14:1-11

Reading the Bible in a Year

Jan 20: Exodus 25-28

Jan 21: Exodus 29-32

Jan 22: Exodus 33-36

Jan 23: Exodus 37-40

Jan 24: Leviticus 1-4

Jan 25: Leviticus 5-8

Jan 26: Leviticus 9-12

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, Shpresha, Ralph John, Christina, Mary, Alexandra, Matthew, Fran, Sophie Plasari, Donna, Mat. Linda DuDash, Leon, the child Luka, child Makayla, Rhonda, Ashley, CJ, Elizabeth, Rebecca

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: Newly departed Martha Linski, Newly departed Helen



***Inasmuch as you pray with
all your soul for the one
who has slandered you, so
much will God reveal the
truth to them who have
believed the slander.***

-St. Maximus the Confessor



January

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

January/February Events

February

01 - 7:00pm Vespers
02 - Divine Liturgy
*Meeting of Christ in the
Temple*
03 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

06 - 7:00pm Bible Study
09 - 6:00pm Vespers
10 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
13 - 7:00pm Bible Study
16 - 6:00pm Vespers
17 - 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School

Due to the bad driving conditions in the weather forecast, the Pan-Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of Philadelphia is postponing the Great Blessing of Waters at the Schuylkill river until next week, Sunday 27 January 2019. The event will be held at 2 Boathouse Row, Philadelphia, PA 19130 and will begin at 3:00 PM. All are invited to come and experience this wonderful event.

Coffee Hour

Today:

Next Week: Ladies Society

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

Anthony Zaychick B - 1/24

Dn. Gregory Vrato N - 1/25

Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Luke 18:35-43 (Gospel)

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



House Blessings are coming up in 2019! Please sign up on the sheet upstairs so that we can begin to organize and schedule House blessings. Please be sure to leave your name and phone number. Alternatively, you can call Fr. Nicholas at 860-861-7468 and he will take your information.

Children's Word

Have you ever visited a cave, or have you gone for a walk in a very dark place? Maybe it was so dark that you couldn't see anything or anybody around you. What did you do? Did you turn on a flashlight and look around? When you turn on a flashlight in the darkness, suddenly you can see what you need to see—the path or your friends with you.

In the epistle reading today, Saint Paul writes to the early Christians, but he writes to us, too! He writes, "It is the God who said, 'Let the light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." God wants light to shine in the world. That light is our Lord, Jesus Christ. He came into the world to be like a light, to bring joy and hope for everybody and everything. We can share this light of Christ around us, when we try to act like our Lord Himself. Then, we will be like a flashlight in a dark cave! Share the Light.

SAINT XENIA OF SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Have you ever found yourself staring at somebody? Sometimes we can't help staring at somebody who looks different or does funny things. Saint Xenia was a saint who probably had lots of people staring at her. She wore old rags for clothes. She didn't have any money. She wandered the streets of the city. People stared at her. Saint Xenia wasn't always that way. Learn about other Saints.

People stared at Saint Xenia because she did strange things. But then people started to pay attention to her, because they knew she was close to God. She loved God and she looked to God for everything. People asked her to pray for them, because they knew God listened to her prayers. We can pray to Saint Xenia for help too. She is a saint who helps especially to take care of children, and to help find a job!

We celebrate St. Xenia on Thursday, January 24th.

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon

Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 20, 2019

To the honorable Clergy, venerable Monastics, and pious Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, For forty-six years, we have lamented the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States of America. And for forty-six years, those who consider life to be a sacred gift from God have gathered each January in Washington, DC and elsewhere in this nation to proclaim this most sacred gift. Created as we are in the very image and likeness of God, we turn to the One Whom we worship as the “Giver of Life” in thanksgiving for sharing His very life with “every man who comes into the world,” even “from his mother’s womb.”

In our liturgical worship, we continuously acknowledge God as the “Bestower of Life.” And in doing so, we recognize that His precious gift is imparted at the moment of conception—a reality underscored in Luke 1:41, in which we read that John the Baptist “leaped” in his mother Elizabeth’s womb, rejoicing in her encounter with the Mother of God. It has become increasingly evident, however, that proclaiming the sanctity of life involves much more than lamenting the legalization of abortion and protecting the unborn, crucial as these are.

While we so often speak of life “in the womb” and eternal life “beyond the tomb,” there are many related issues that are encountered “in between.” Our commitment to life of necessity extends to care for our infants, our infirm, our elderly—and ourselves. While expressing our concern and offering our prayers for the unborn, we are called to recognize that issues such as the opioid crisis, the cost of quality health care, capital punishment, the marked increase in addictions and suicide, to name but a few, are intimately connected to our recognition and proclamation of God’s gift of life.

Our Christian witness demands not only concern for the unborn, but a sense of responsibility to ensure that living a “life well lived”—seeking the blessedness to which we have been called—extends to the unborn and born alike. As we discern the will of God in our own lives, we are called to preserve and protect all life in recognition of God’s plan for His people on this earth and in anticipation of “the life of the world to come.”

As we mark this sorrowful anniversary, may we turn our attention to the “Giver of Life,” Who created us in His ever-abundant love. May we, each in our own way, proclaim His sacred gift. And may we embrace His will, that in all things He and He alone might be glorified as the “Fountain of Life” and the “Light of the world,” Who brings all mankind to that Kingdom which has yet to be fully revealed, but is already fully present in the life of His people, the Church.

With love in Christ,

+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada