

Sts. Peter & Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheese Fare)

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Tone 4): Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of Sts. Peter & Paul (Tone 4): O first enthroned of the Apostles, teachers of the universe, entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion for Forgiveness Sunday (Tone 6): O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.

✠ LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ✠

Saturday: 5:45 pm - 9th Hour // 6:00 pm – Great Vespers

Sunday: 9:00 am - Orthros // 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS: Our Sunday service is the Divine Liturgy. While all are welcome to attend this service, we ask that you refrain from coming to receive Holy Communion unless you are of the Orthodox Faith and are properly prepared through prayer, fasting and the Sacrament of Confession.

COMING UP

TODAY	<u>Forgiveness Vespers</u> , 6:00 pm
MONDAY	BEGINNING OF THE GREAT FAST <u>Canon of St Andrew</u> , 6:00 pm
TUESDAY	<u>Canon of St Andrew</u> , 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	<u>9th Hour/Presanctified Liturgy</u> , 5:30 pm
THURSDAY	<u>Canon St Andrew</u> , 6:00 pm
FRIDAY	<u>Little Compline/Akathist</u> , 6:00 pm

Epistle Reading

The Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (6:14-21)

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREAT LENT FAST: The Lenten Fast rules that we observe today were established within the monasteries of the Orthodox Church during the 6th through 11th centuries. These rules are intended for all Orthodox Christians, not just monks and nuns. Meat, animal products, dairy (cheese, milk, butter, eggs), fish (meaning fish with backbones), olive oil and alcoholic drinks are not consumed during the weekdays of Great Lent. Octopus and shellfish are allowed, as is vegetable oil. On weekends, olive oil and alcohol are permitted. Fish, oil and alcohol are allowed on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and on Palm Sunday (April 1). If you have any questions, please talk to Father Joseph.