

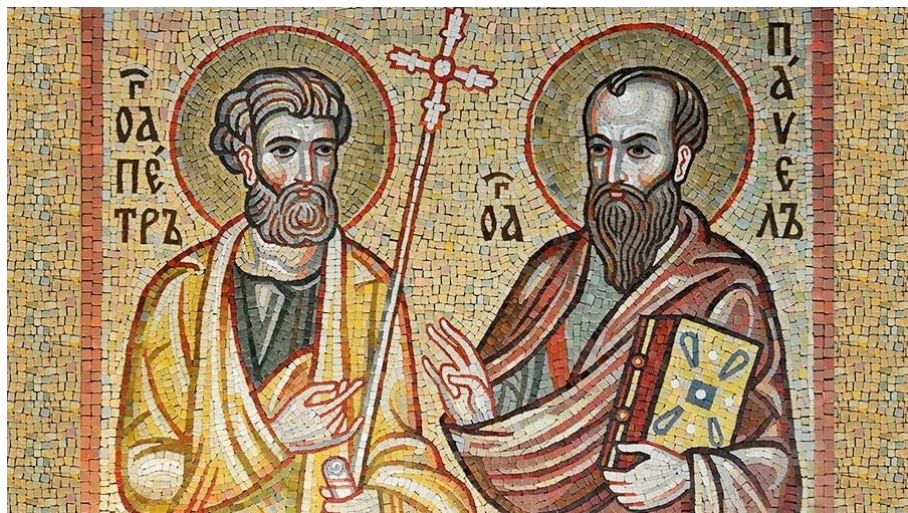


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Holy Apostles Peter and Paul



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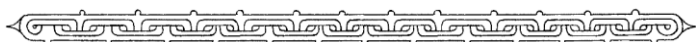


Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 3): Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of hades, granting the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion for Saints Peter and Paul (Tone 4): O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace unto the world, and to our souls the great mercy.

Apolytikion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion to the Theotokos (Tone 2): O undisputed intercessor of Christians, O Theotokos who is unrejected by the Creator: Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who didst ever intercede for those who honor thee.



EPISTLE READING

For the Apostles Peter and Paul

Prokeimenon – Psalm 18:4, 1

Their line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

The reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (11:21-12:10)

BRETHREN, in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as

a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation?

If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities,

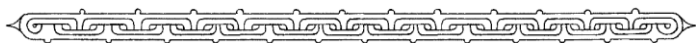
that the power of Christ may rest upon me. I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL READING

For the Apostles Peter and Paul

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (16:13-19)

AT THAT TIME, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



THE FAITHFUL AND SECULARISM, PART THREE

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba

In view of the new and continually unfolding challenges that secularism poses to faith in general, and to the Christian in particular, within the society of modernity—which has now come to be called "postmodernity"—believers differ in their ways of confronting it. This is not surprising, because many of these challenges are entirely new, and the Church has not previously experienced them.

Until recently, people lived in a religious society. Even if everyone were not a believer, people were nevertheless born into a social atmosphere marked by religious customs, traditions, and values. In contemporary society, however, the religious character is absent and has been replaced by a secular, worldly character, shaped by human experiences, expertise, and both sweet and bitter trials.

This change has begun to accelerate greatly throughout the whole world over the past two decades. Although the speed of this acceleration differs from one society to another, it now affects all societies. Religious bodies, therefore, find themselves before a real challenge, one they have not previously faced with such intensity. It is thus natural that opinions and experiences should multiply regarding the ways of dealing with it, the questions of preserving and transmitting the faith to contemporary humanity, the language of evangelization, and the embodiment of Christian principles in today's world. This has produced diverse currents, which we may place under two broad categories, while recognizing within each of them varying degrees of strictness and leniency.

The first current boycotts what this world produces whenever it differs from what people were accustomed to in the past. For this current, every new thing becomes suspect, every innovation stirs fear, and every unfamiliar form of communication is viewed as demonic and as a path toward abandoning the uprightness of the faith. ...

The adherents of the second current are enchanted by modernity and by what it produces. They adopt everything it offers without caution or discernment. They engage positively and energetically in dialogue, whatever it may be and wherever it may be found. They approach new ideas, patterns, and philosophies with admiration, even when these are opposed to their Gospel. They wish to reconcile the world with the Gospel easily, and often superficially. ...

In both currents, one finds those who go too far and harden themselves in one direction or the other, reacting violently toward the followers of the opposing current. The clash between the two sides may reach a dangerous point, threatening the unity of the Church and sowing a spirit of hatred and bitterness among her children. Perhaps the most dangerous thing in both groups is that each, in its own way, leans toward extremism in positions built more upon convictions than upon prayerful and tearful love, burning with longing for the salvation of the other side.

(Read the entire article at www.antiochian.org)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services, visit www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today: Holy Apostles Peter & Paul

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Baptism of Moses Fajardo
- Coffee hour provided by last names A-F
- Camp St. George in Iowa begins! Please pray for our campers and staff as they travel to and from Strawberry Point, Iowa this week.

Tuesday, June 30: Morning prayers, 9am

No morning prayers at All Saints for the remainder of the week: Fr. Andrew will be at camp Wednesday through Saturday, and Fr. Pat will preside at Vespers.

Wednesday, July 1:

- Choir practice, 5:30pm
- Vespers, 7pm

Saturday, July 4: Happy Independence Day!

- Vespers, 7pm

Next Sunday, July 5:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by last names G-K.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Deanery picnic** – Saturday, July 11 in La Grange. See the separate flyer for registration and food pricing. All of the churches in the Chicago deanery are sponsoring together this day of food, fellowship, and fun. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Eric and Cristina Pope.
- **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy** with His Grace Bishop John, and the ordination of Subdeacon Joseph Freve to the diaconate – Sunday, July 12

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Jun 28 <i>Peter & Paul</i>	Joseph L	Sephora	Azizeh	Zach C	A-F
Sun July 5	Rich C	Debbie K	Richard B	Lydia A	G-K
Sun July 12 <i>Bishop John</i>	Michelle	Pat K	Nancy L	Domitille	<u>All Church</u>
Sun July 19 <i>Typika</i>	Jim K	Domitille	Tobey L	volunteer	L-P
Sun July 26	Paul K	Cristina P	Domitille	Zach C	R-Z
Sun Aug 2*	Steve K	Dn Walid	John O	Lydia A	A-F
Sun Aug 9*	Joseph L	Sarah C	JoAnne T	Domitille	G-K

For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.

****Shaded dates indicate fasting.** No meat, eggs, or dairy should be served at church functions on these dates.*

"I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL: IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO HAS FAITH, TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK. FOR IN IT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED THROUGH FAITH FOR FAITH; AS IT IS WRITTEN, 'HE WHO THROUGH FAITH IS RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE.'"

(HOLY APOSTLE PAUL, ROMANS 1:16-17)



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2026

The lectionary readings after Pentecost continue through Romans and Matthew; the Old Testament readings will continue through the Pentateuch in the coming months.

Sunday, June 28: Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

Luke 24:1-12 / Romans 6:12-23 / Matthew 8:5-13

Monday, June 29: Holy Apostles Peter and Paul

1 Peter 1:3-9 / 1 Peter 1:13-19 / 1 Peter 2:11-24

John 21:15-25 / 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:10 / Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday, June 30: Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles

Genesis 10 / Romans 12:9-21 / Matthew 9:27-38

Wed., July 1: Unmercenaries Cosmas & Damian of Rome

Genesis 11 / Romans 13:1-14 / Matthew 10:1-23

Thursday, July 2: St. John Maximovitch

Genesis 12 / Romans 14:1-23 / Matthew 10:24-31

Friday, July 3: Martyr Hyacinth of Cæsarea

Genesis 13 / Romans 15:1-13 / Matthew 10:32-11:1

Saturday, July 4: St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete

Romans 15:14-33 / Matthew 11:2-19

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