

## The Reading from the 1st Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to Timothy (1:15–17)

My son Timothy, this is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all long-suffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35–43)

At that time, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, 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.

## Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

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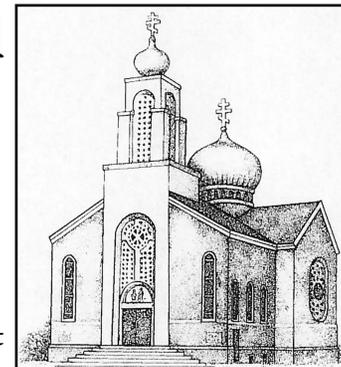
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31st Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 6  
New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia  
January 23, 2022

Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus (312). Ven. Mausimas the Syrian (4th c.). Ven. Salamanēs the Silent of the Euphrates (ca. 400).

### Welcome!

We rejoice that we are able to draw near to our God in faith and love. As we continue to reopen, please be understanding and patient with the parish and with each other. We ask that you follow all government directives: [portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Reopen-CT](http://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Reopen-CT).

Please sign up to attend services: <https://sspeterpaul.org/signup>. Once you are on our attendance list, we do not need you to sign up again, but we do ask that you check your name off the list as you enter. For those who need to continue distancing, we have reserved the left-hand side of the church with distancing markings. The right side and the choir area allows for households to stand closer together.

Following state directives, you are free to handle items in church according to your own judgment. This includes service books, papers, candles and icons. We still follow COVID measures surrounding the distribution of Holy Communion, but please be prepared: we will revert to the traditional norms of Orthodox practice in coming weeks.

## Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website ([sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, Jan. 22	Great Vespers, followed by Confession	5 PM
Sunday, Jan. 23 <i>New Martyrs of Russia</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Saturday, Jan. 29	Great Vespers, followed by Confession	5 PM
Sunday, Jan. 30 <i>Three Holy Hierarchs</i>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Monday, Feb. 1	Great Vespers for Eve of the Meeting	6 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 2	Divine Liturgy—Meeting of the Lord	9:30 AM

The feast of the **Meeting of the Lord in the Temple** is on Feb. 2. This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was brought into the temple as a forty-day-old child by his parents. There the Righteous Simeon testified that he saw the promised salvation of Israel fulfilled: “Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation....” We sing his prayer of thanksgiving at every service of Vespers.

With the Theophany and the Blessing of Water, in January, we enter the **season of house blessings**. Our homes need this spiritual “spring cleaning” each year to free them from the remembrance of sin and fill them with the presence of the Holy Spirit. All that is required is that you prepare a list of the living and departed that you wish to commemorate, and set up a candle and bowl of holy water before an icon. (Fr. Joshua brings holy water, too, in case anyone needs more.) Please sign up for a time on the sheets provided at the candle desk, or contact Fr. Joshua if none of the times are convenient.

All are welcome to **take home holy water** from the Great Blessing of Water on Theophany. The dispenser is at the back of the church for your use. You may bring your own bottles or purchase a small holy water bottle from the cabinet downstairs.

Please remember that, if conditions force **church service or event cancellations**, announcements will be posted on WFSB (channel 3) and WNBC/WVIT (channel 30), as well as on our website: [sspeterpaul.org](http://sspeterpaul.org).

The cross is lit today in memory of Edith Nichols by Sarah Massaro and family. May her memory be eternal!

### We Ask Your Prayers

**Many years to those celebrating as their heavenly patron** Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg (Jan. 24), St. Gregory the Theologian (Jan. 25), or St. Ephraim the Syrian (Jan. 28).

**For the departed servants of God Sanda and Serban.**

**For those celebrating birthdays:**

For Priest James Parnell, deployed with his company to East Africa until 2022.

**For those suffering from the coronavirus, physicians, nurses and all working in hospitals and public health.**

**For the Sick & Suffering:**

William (Derrig)—cousin of Sarah Massaro

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident

Alexander (Mankevich)—Alzheimer’s Disease

William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis

Adrian (Weidmann)—healing after breaking her leg

Gregory (Mankevich)                      Jill (Zadar)

Paul (Leonowich)                          Robert (Hodges)

Patricia (McFarland)                      Robert (Muthersbaugh)

Margaret                                      Irene

Veronica                                        Marian

Svetlana                                        Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman                        Helen and Helene

**For Our Shut-Ins:**

Yvonne (Rutcho)                            Jennie (Padick)

Anna (Belejack)                             Margaret (Savchik)

Ann (Kreshik)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: [priest@sspeterpaul.org](mailto:priest@sspeterpaul.org) or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

## Hymns of the Day

### Tone 6      Troparion    *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men.

Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life.  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //  
glory to You.

### Tone 4      Troparion *(New Martyrs)*

Today the Church of Russia forms a chorus in joy,  
praising her new martyrs and confessors;  
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses,  
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.  
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution,  
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.//  
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

### Tone 6      Kontakion    *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,  
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

### Tone 3      Kontakion *(New Martyrs)*

Today the holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia  
Stand robed in white before the Lamb of God.  
With the angels they sing a triumphant hymn to God:  
Blessing, and ^glory,  
Wisdom, and praise, and honor,  
And power, and strength to our God,  
Unto endless ages of ages. Amen.  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### Steadfast Protectress

#### Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*  
v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! *(Ps. 27:1a)*

#### Tone 7 Prokeimenon *(New Martyrs)*

God is our refuge and strength, / a help in afflictions that severely befall us. *(Ps. 45:1)*

### Alleluia

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. *(Ps. 90:1)*  
v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." *(Ps. 90:2)*  
v: The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles. *(Ps. 33:17)*

### Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
*(Ps. 148:1)*  
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!