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.

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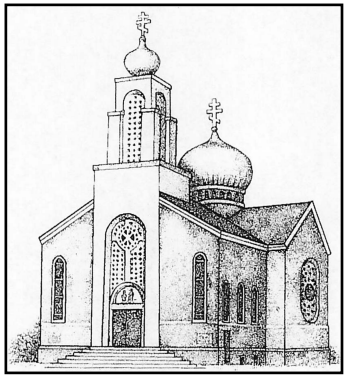

31st Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 6 January 15, 2023	Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes ("the Hut-dweller"—5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, a Martyr (ca. 249–251). Ven. Prochorus, an Abbot in the Vranski desert in Bulgaria (10th c.).

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called "antidoron," this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, Jan. 14	Great Vespers, Supper & Fellowship	5 PM
	All are welcome to enjoy supper and fellowship together after our evening worship. Bring a friend!	
Sunday, Jan. 15	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Wednesdays	Morning worship	8:15 AM
Saturday, Jan. 21	Great Vespers, followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Jan. 22	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Saturday, Jan. 28	Great Vespers, followed by confessions	5 PM
	Brotherhood Supper—RVSP by Jan. 21	6 PM
Sunday, Jan. 29	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Parish Survey opens. Details TBA.	
Wed., Feb. 1	Vigil for the Meeting of the Lord	6 PM
Thursday, Feb. 2	Divine Liturgy—Meeting of the Lord	9:30 AM

All are welcome to take home holy water from the Great Blessing of Water on Theophany. The dispenser will be placed 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.

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 using the link from our website: https://sspeterpaul.org/blessings** Contact Fr. Joshua if none of the times are convenient, or if you have trouble with the form.

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** .

Parish Health and Effectiveness Survey—Jan. 29 through Feb. 13: As part of the Diocese of New England's Strategic Plan our parish is participating in a survey to assess our parish health and effectiveness. During the three week period, January 29 through February 13, you will have an opportunity to complete a 30 minute, 30 question, anonymous online survey. Once the survey is completed, the results will be analyzed and returned to us so that we may plan goals and greater growth opportunities. Linda Craig is coordinating our participation. **Please take the time to complete the survey when it is distributed.**

Please be safe as flu, COVID and RSV rates are higher. Stay home if you are feeling sick. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the candle desk.

We Ask Your Prayers

Many years to all those who have as their heavenly patron Anthony the Great (Jan. 17).

For those celebrating birthdays: Skeeter Nancy on Jan. 14. Natasha Sousa on Jan 20. Alban Mosher on Jan 21.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Skeeter and Charles Nancy on Jan. 14.

For the Sick & Suffering:
Archpriest Andrew (Tregubov)
William (Waas)—family of Sarah Massaro
Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis
Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Gregory (Mankevich)	Paul (Leonowich)
Christopher (Sullivan)	Rosemary (Delaney)
Irene	Drew
Veronica	Jacob
Katelyn	Mark
Bruce and Stacia	Cyprian and Dana
Nicole and Naaman	Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)	Jennie (Padick)	
Margaret (Savchik)	Ann (Kreshik)	Jill (Zadar)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: 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)***
Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead //
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion – Apostles Peter and Paul
O 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!

Tone 4 Troparion ***(Sts. Paul and John)***
O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace//
through the prayers of the venerable Paul and John!

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.

Tone 2 Kontakion – Apostles Peter and Paul
O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice,//
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. John)
Longing for poverty in imitation of Christ,
you abandoned your parents' wealth, O wise Father John;
grasping the Gospel in your hands, you followed Christ God,//
unceasingly praying for us all.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 3 Kontakion ***(St. Paul)***
Today we gather and praise you with hymns
as an unwaning ray of the spiritual Sun;
for you shine on those in the darkness of ignorance,
leading all ^mankind to the heights,//
venerable Paul, adornment of Thebes and firm foundation of the fathers and ascetics.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion - Steadfast Protectress

Tone 6 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)*

To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! *(Ps. 27:1a)*

After the Epistle, Alleluia:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. *(Ps. 90:1)*

He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." *(Ps. 90:2)*

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SS. Peter & Paul Brotherhood Society

BACK!

Covid is Over! **Time for a Boost of ENERGY!**

Saturday, January 28, 2023

Time – 5:00 pm Vespers

6:00 pm Dinner, Come Hungry – Bring a Guest!

RSVP to Leon611@cox.net or 203-676-2459