

## The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (6:18–23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (8:5–13)

At that time, when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, pleading with him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

## Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

Meriden, Connecticut

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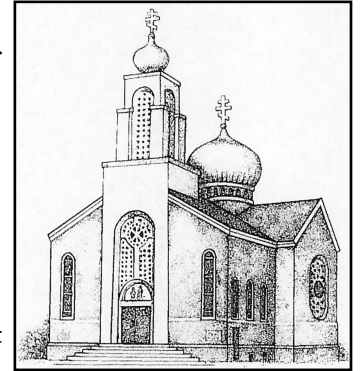
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4th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 3

July 2, 2023

The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-holy Mother of God at Blachernæ (5th c.). St. John [Maximovitch] of Shanghai and San Francisco (1966). St. Photius, Metropolitan of Kiev (1431).

## Glory to Jesus Christ!

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

Please feel free to follow along with a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors. For this Sunday and most of the year, we are using the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (at the beginning of the book).

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](http://sspeterpaul.org)) for details.

Saturday, July 1	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, July 2	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	<b>Exploring Orthodoxy after Coffee Hour:</b> On Sunday afternoons, we will take about 30 minutes for a short exploration of Orthodoxy. Each week, we will take a topic of your choosing.	
Wednesdays	Morning Worship	8:15 AM
Saturday, July 8	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, July 9	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Tuesday, July 11	Bible Study Online—2nd & 4th Tuesdays: the Gospel of Saint Mark	6:30 PM
	We are starting a regular Bible Study, which will meet via Zoom on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. If you would like to participate, we will be covering the first four chapters of the Gospel of St. Mark on July 11. Join us using the Zoom link posted on our website: <a href="http://sspeterpaul.org">sspeterpaul.org</a> .	
Saturday, July 15	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, July 16	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Saturday, July 22	Reception into Orthodoxy of Miguel Moll and Julaisa Santiago by Holy Chrismation	10 AM
July 23	Blessing of Vehicles	
	We practice this blessing as a celebration of the Prophet Elijah, who was carried up to heaven in a fiery chariot. (You can find the account in the Bible: 2[4] Kings 2:1–14.) On a Sunday close to St. Elijah's feast (July 20), we go out from the church to our vehicles to pray that the Lord would keep us safe as we travel. Please open your doors so that your vehicles may be blessed inside and out.	

**Keep in touch with our parish via email and text messages.** We have started up a convenient communication service that allows us to share upcoming events, important developments in parish life, and reflections on the Orthodox Christian Faith—without spam, we promise! You can choose to get updates from particular ministries you are interested in, and unsubscribe any time. Sign up today at <https://sspeterpaul.org/news.html>

Thank you to Alexia Tassmer and all those who provided dishes for our parish feast, and to Thomas Crosby and all the singers for the glorious music: **our parish feast of Apostles Peter & Paul was a great blessing!**

The cross is lit in loving memory of **Jill Boris Zadar** by Alexandra Mathiasen. May her memory be eternal!

## We Ask Your Prayers

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Mary Jane Rogers on July 2. Noah Leonowich on July 5. Joseph Uliase on July 6.

### For the Sick & Suffering:

Mka. Evelyn (Kreta)—broke her wrist, needing additional surgery  
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) Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter) Rosemary (Delaney)

Juliana (Helwig) Douglas (Hedges)

Irene Lorraine

Jacob Valerie

Juliana Katelyn

Crystal

Bruce and Stacia

Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

### For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho) Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik) Ann (Kreshik)

Helen (Olsen)

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.



# Keep in touch with us

VIA EMAIL OR TEXT MESSAGE

- Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime
- No spam, we promise

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We respect your time and attention. Messages to the main group—"Everyone"—will be limited to the most important news of the week. You can expect one or two messages each week—no more except in truly extraordinary cases.

Once you are signed up, we encourage you to join groups to keep in touch with the news and ministries closest to your heart. For example:

### **Giving Thanks**

sharing news and photos from our parish life

### **Wisdom**

regular reflections drawn from the well of our Orthodox Christian faith

### **Bible Study**

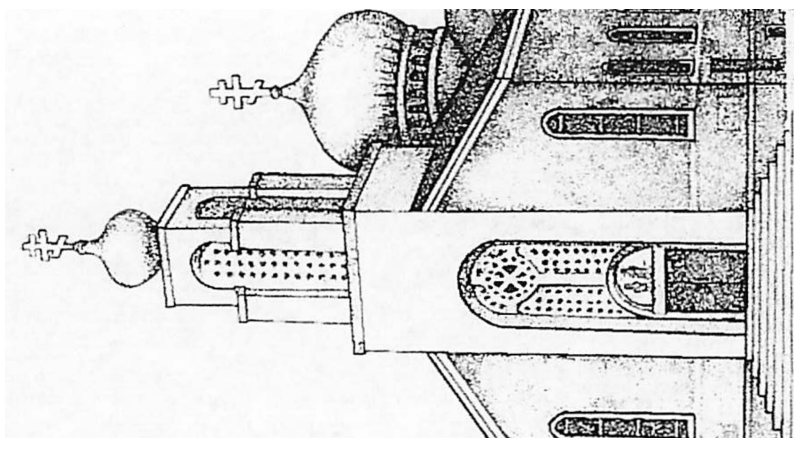
notes and preparation for those wanting to learn more of the Orthodox Faith

### **Choir**

coordinating the activity of our choir

### **Children's Ministry**

working with our families to help our children grow in faith



## Hymns of the Day

### Tone 3 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

### Tone 4 Troparion (*Apostles Peter & 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 (*St. John Maximovich*)

Glorious apostle to an age of coldness and unbelief,  
invested with the grace-filled power of the saints of old;  
divinely-illuminated seer of heavenly mysteries,  
feeder of orphans, hope of the hopeless:  
you enkindled on earth the fire of love for Christ  
upon the dark eve of the day of judgment.  
Pray now that this sacred flame//  
may also rise from our hearts!

### Tone 3 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

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

### Tone 8 Kontakion (*St. John*)

Chosen wonderworker and superb servant of Christ,  
you pour out in the latter times  
inexhaustible streams of inspiration and multitudes of miracles.  
We praise you with love and call out to you,//  
Rejoice, O holy hierarch John, Wonderworker of the latter times.  
  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### Tone 6 Kontakion — *Steadfast Protectress*

#### Prokeimenon in the Third Tone

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing  
praises! (*Ps. 46:6*)

*Verse:* Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of  
joy! (*Ps. 46:1*)

#### Tone 1 Prokeimenon (*St. John*)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be  
understanding. (*Ps. 48:3*)

#### Alleluia

*Verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!  
(*Ps. 30:1a*)

*Verse:* Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save  
me! (*Ps. 30:2b*)

*Verse:* The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his  
tongue shall speak of judgment. (*Ps. 36:31*)

#### Communion Hymn

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

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear  
evil tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!