

## The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (1:10–18)

I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:14–22)

At that time, Jesus saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

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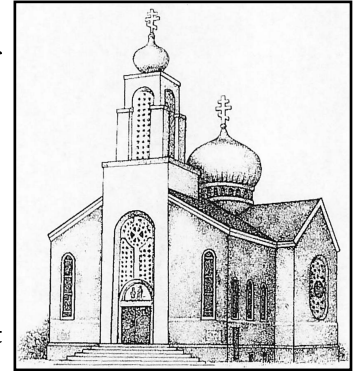
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8th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 7

July 30, 2023

Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy, and those with them: Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus (1st c.). Martyr John the soldier at Constantinople.

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## 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 29	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, July 30	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	<b>Calling all able-bodied volunteers:</b> we need to clear space for refinishing the downstairs floors.	
August 1–14	<b>The Dormition Fast begins</b> with the Procession of the Cross. The fast ends on Aug. 15 with the Feast of Dormition.	
Tuesday, Aug. 1	National Night Out	5–8 PM
	<b>We are seeking volunteers for a booth in Hubbard Park,</b> Meriden, to greet youth on behalf of our church. Speak to Sarah Massaro for details.	
Wed., Aug. 2	Furniture return project	2–4 PM
	Furniture return project completion	6:30 PM
	We need as many volunteers as possible to <b>return furniture to the fellowship hall</b> , after the refinishing of the floors. Workers are welcome for either the afternoon or evening shifts.	
Saturday, Aug. 5	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Aug. 6	Divine Liturgy—Holy Transfiguration	9:30 AM
	On Aug. 6, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, when he took the disciples Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there manifested his divine glory to them, as far as they could bear it. The disciples saw Moses and Elijah standing with the Lord, and they heard the voice of the Father saying, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” After both services, we will bless fruits of the harvest.	
Aug. 7–12	Diocesan Youth Rally	
Wed., Aug. 9	Parish Council	6:30 PM

**Save the date: Scholarship Benefit Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 17.** Proceeds will benefit the SS. Peter & Paul Scholarship Fund. More information coming soon.

## We Ask Your Prayers

**Lucretia, the mother of Skeeter Nance, has departed this life.** Our love and support goes out to Skeeter and her grieving family. Memory eternal!

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Elena Kallestinova and Timur Yarovinsky on July 29. Andy & MaryJane Rogers on July 31.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Helen Barone and Sarah Massaro on July 30. Helen Husenita on Aug. 3.

### 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                      Lilah

Angela                      Innocent

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.

# HELP US BUILD OUR MISSION



The SS. Peter & Paul Mission Building Team has made a set of questions we want you to look over and answer.

Questions can be found on a table in the back right corner of the fellowship area.

Feel free to only answer one or two questions a Sunday: they will be up for several weeks.

All people are encouraged to participate!

## Hymns of the Day

### Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen, //  
granting the world great mercy.

### Tone 8 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 (Silas & Silvanus)

Holy Apostles Silas and Silvanus,  
entreat the merciful God //  
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

### Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith; //  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### 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.

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

### Tone 4 Kontakion *(Silas & Silvanus)*

You were revealed to be branches of the vine of Christ, O wise ones,  
bearing clusters of virtues that pour out on us the wine of salvation.  
Receiving it, we are filled with gladness,  
and we celebrate your most honored memory,  
Apostles of the Lord, Silas and Silvanus. //  
Therefore, intercede that great mercy and remission of sins may be  
granted to us.

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

### Tone 6 Kontakion — *Steadfast Protectress*

#### Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone

The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His  
people with peace. *(Ps. 28:11)*

*Verse:* Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!  
*(Ps. 28:1a)*

#### Alleluia

*Verse:* It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O  
Most High. *(Ps. 91:1)*

*Verse:* To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. *(Ps. 91:2a)*

#### Communion Hymn

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