

The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (4:9–16)

Brethren, I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (17:14–23)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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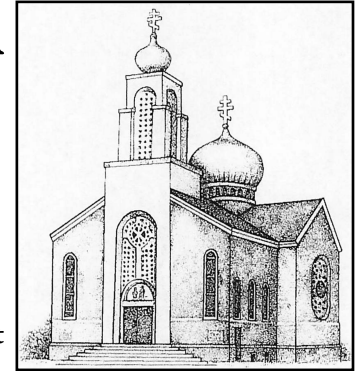
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10th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 1
Leave-taking of the Transfiguration
August 6, 2023

St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh,
Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All
Russia (1783). Translation of the
Relics of St. Maximus the Confessor
(662).

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 pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, Aug. 12	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Aug. 13	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Monday, Aug. 14	Vigil for the Dormition of the Theotokos, with blessing of flowers	6 PM
Tuesday, Aug. 15	Divine Liturgy for the Dormition	9:30 AM
	This week, we celebrate the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Most-Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. We will also bless herbs and flowers after each service, in honor of our Lady, the most fragrant flower of the Church.	
Wednesdays	Weekday Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Saturday, Aug. 19	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Aug. 20	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Tuesday, Aug. 22	Bible Study Online—2nd & 4th Tuesdays: the Gospel of Saint Mark	6:30 PM
	This week, we will be examining Mark chapters 13 through 16. The Zoom link and other useful information is posted at sspeterpaul.org .	
Sunday, Sept. 10	Special Parish Meeting after Liturgy	
	We will elect an alternate delegate to the Diocesan Assembly, and then address questions on the proposed revised Cemetery Bylaws.	

Did You Know....

Phase 2 of the Stained Glass window project will begin in mid Sept. with a target completion date of mid Dec. '23. From the nave, the window panels of Ss. Joachim and Anna and the panels of Ss. Basil and Chrysostom in the altar will be removed and refurbished. The total cost of this phase is \$7,600.

The Parish Council has begun planning the 2024 budget. A Stewardship Committee has been formed and soon will be communicating with you. We will be identifying priorities and considering fresh approaches to how together we take care of the church entrusted to us.

The **Mission Building Team** has presented to the Council preliminary plans for parish growth and expansion. They have prepared questions on the opportunities for our church, set out for all to comment on a designated table in the Fellowship Room downstairs. Over the next few weeks, **please take the time to share your thoughts**, so that we can build a clearer common vision of how we are to grow from here.

We Ask Your Prayers

For those celebrating birthdays: Stacey Lombardi (Aug. 19).

For those celebrating anniversaries: Keith & Melanie Russell (Aug. 17).
Tim & Alexia Tassmer (Aug. 19).

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)

Douglas (Hodges)

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 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.

Luncheon to Benefit SS. Peter & Paul Scholarship Fund



Join us on September 17th for a Ham and
Potatoes Buffet.

All proceeds to go to the Scholarship Fund

Tickets available on August 20th

Minimum donation \$10.00

See Irene Zavednak and Greg Mankevich
for tickets

The Third Antiphon

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. *(Ps. 124:1)*

Tone 7 Troparion of the Feast

You were transfigured on the mount, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos!//
O Giver of Light, glory to You!

As the mountains are round about it, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time and forevermore. *(Ps. 124:2)*

Troparion of the Feast

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Your tabernacle? Who shall dwell on Your holy mountain? *(Ps. 14:1)*

Troparion of the Feast

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? *(Ps. 23:3)*

Troparion of the Feast

Entrance Verse

Send out Your light and Your truth; they have led me and brought me to Your holy mountain. *(Ps. 42:3)*

Troparion of the Feast

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Hymns of the Day

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Tone 7 Troparion *(Transfiguration)*

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Tone 8 Troparion *(St. Tikhon of Zadonsk)*

From your youth you loved Christ, O blessed one. You have been an example for all by word, life, love, faith, purity, and humility. Therefore, you now abide in the heavenly mansions, where you stand before the throne of the All-holy Trinity.//
Holy Hierarch Tikhon, pray for the salvation of our souls!

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

Tone 8 Kontakion *(St. Tikhon)*

Successor to the Apostles, adornment of hierarchs, teacher of the Orthodox Faith,// beseech the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls great mercy.

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

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Transfiguration)*

On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God, and Your Disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold You crucified, they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world//
that You are truly the Radiance of the Father.

Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone *(Transfiguration)*

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all. *(Ps. 103:26)*

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! *(Ps. 103:1)*

Tone 1 Prokeimenon *(St. Tikhon)*

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

Alleluia

Verse: The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours! *(Ps. 88:11a)*

Verse: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout! *(Ps. 88:14b)*

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