

**The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (16:13–24)**

Brethren, watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints—that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew (21:33–42)**

The Lord spoke this parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes’?

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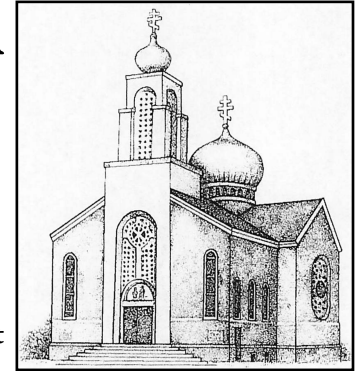
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13th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 4

September 3, 2023

Hieromartyr Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and those with him: Martyrs Theophilus the Deacon and the rest (302). Ven. Theoctistus, fellow ascetic with Ven. Euthymius the Great (467).

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

Saturday, Sept. 2	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Sept. 3	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Wednesdays	Weekday Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Thursday, Sept. 7	Vigil for the Nativity of the Theotokos	6 PM
Friday, Sept. 8	Liturgy—Nativity of the Theotokos	9:30 AM
	The birth of the Theotokos was the fulfillment of promises made by God to her righteous parents, and also the fulfillment of the hope of generations of people who put their trust in God, from Noah to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to King David and his line. The birth of the Theotokos represents the best the human race has to offer to our Creator, and God accepts this gift and returns her to us as the mother of our Savior.	
Saturday, Sept. 9	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Sept. 10	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
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.	
Sunday, Sept. 17	Scholarship Fund Benefit Luncheon	
Sunday, Sept. 24	Deadline for Comments on Cemetery Bylaws	
	Stewardship Presentation during Coffee Hour	

The 2023 **FORCC Benefit Dinner** will be on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 12:30 PM, at St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, 504 Sport Hill Rd, Easton. The Guest Speaker is Dr. Phillip Mamalakis, a professor at Holy Cross Theological Seminary, and author of the excellent book, *Parenting toward the King: Orthodox Principles of Child-Rearing*. Save the date for this celebration of 30 years of promoting Orthodox unity in Connecticut. Please join us for the banquet \$45 for adults, if purchased by Sept. 20 (\$50 after). \$10 for children under 12.

Tickets are available for the **Scholarship Fund luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 17**, for a minimum donation of \$10. Purchase by Sunday, Sept. 10. Tickets will be collected at the luncheon—please see Greg Mankevich or Irene Zavednak.

## We Ask Your Prayers

**Many years to those whose heavenly patron is St. John the Forerunner** (Aug. 29) **or St. Christopher of Palestine** (Aug. 30), **the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary** (Nativity, Sept. 8) **or the Righteous Forebear of God Anna** (Sept. 9).

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Rob Mosley (Sept. 2). Alexia Tassmer (Sept. 5). John Mosley (Sept. 6).

**Many years to all those celebrating anniversaries:** Stacey & Charles Lombardi (Aug. 29). Mario & Natasha Sousa (Sept. 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

Sarr (Sarrazin)—friend of Robin Levesque

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)

Give thanks to God, and support the work he is doing through  
 SS. Peter & Paul: <https://sspeterpaul.org/donate>

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.

## Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Children's Sessions 2023–24

September 10—Level II & III  
September 17—Level I  
September 24—Level II & III

October 1—Level I  
October 8—NO SESSION  
October 15—Level I  
October 22—Level II & III  
October 29—NO SESSION (5th Sunday)

November 5—Level I  
November 12—Level II & III  
November 19—Level I  
November 26—Level II & III

December 3—Level I  
December 10—Level II & III  
December 17—Level I  
December 24—Level II & III  
December 31—NO SESSION (5th Sunday)

January 7—Level I  
January 14—Level II & III

January 21—Level I  
January 28—Level II & III

February 4—Level I  
February 11—Level II & III  
February 18—Level I  
February 25—Level II & III

March 3—Level I  
March 10—Level II & III  
March 17—Level I (Forgiveness Sunday)  
March 24—Level II & III  
March 31—NO SESSION (5th Sunday)

April 7—Level I  
April 14—Level II & III  
April 21—Level I  
April 28—Level II & III

May 5—PASCHA! Egg Hunt!  
May 12—Level II & III  
May 19—Level I

*At this time, I have not scheduled any All Sessions Saturdays, because we are starting "on time" this year... however, they were a lot of fun! If there is interest, we can revisit the question of having them; I would likely need one or two adult volunteers for each session since I will not have an intern from Hellenic College Holy Cross this year (as far as I know!) Any questions? M. Jenny, 203-915-4556, proekopten@gmail.com*

## Hymns of the Day

### **Tone 4 Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen, //  
granting the world great mercy!”

### **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** (*St. Anthimus*)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,  
you became a successor to their throne.  
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine  
contemplation, O inspired one of God;  
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith,  
even to the shedding of your blood. //  
O Hieromartyr Anthimus, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

### **Tone 8 Troparion** (*St. Theoctistus*)

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile,  
and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance.  
By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe. //  
Our holy Father Pimen, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

### **Tone 4 Kontakion** (*Resurrection*)

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master, //  
He has risen on the third day!

### **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** (*St. Anthimus*)

Living honorably as a priest,  
you completed the course of martyrdom;  
you extinguished the worship of idols  
and became a champion of your flock, O divinely wise one.  
Therefore, we honor you,  
mystically crying out: //  
“Through your prayers deliver us from calamity, ever-memorable  
Anthimus.”

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

### **Tone 6 Kontakion** — *Steadfast Protectress*

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

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*)

#### **Before the Gospel, the Alleluia**

*Verse:* Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness  
and truth! (*Ps. 44:3b*)

*Verse:* For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (*Ps. 44:6*)

#### **Communion Hymn**

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