

**The Reading from the 2nd Epistle of
the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (9:6–11)**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” Now may he who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
(7:11–16)**

At that time, Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and a large crowd. And when he came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then he came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And he presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited his people.”

**Saints Peter & Paul
Orthodox Church**

Meriden, Connecticut

website: sspeterpaul.org

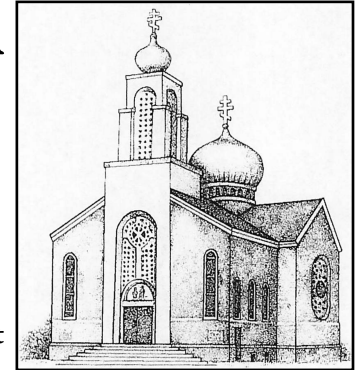
A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Fr. Joshua Mosher, Pastor

203-237-4539 priest@sspeterpaul.org

Donna Leonowich, Parish Council President

203-887-5155 president@sspeterpaul.org



18th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 1
Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
October 8, 2023

Ven. Pelagía the Penitent (457). Ven.
Dositheus, Abbot of Verkneóstrov (Pskov
—1482). Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Vyatka
(1612). Ven. Thais of Egypt (4th c.).
Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Antioch (303).

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, Oct. 7	Memorial Service for Anne Kreshik	4 PM
	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Oct. 8	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Study of the Gospel of St. Matthew	6:30 PM
	All are welcome: use the Zoom link found here: https://sspeterpaul.org/study We are studying Matthew chapters 9–12.	
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Wed., Oct. 10	Parish Council	6:30 PM
Saturday, Oct. 14	Brotherhood Winter Clothing Drive	2–4 PM
	Please deliver clean and gently-used winter clothing to church the week before (Oct. 8–14). On Saturday, we will assemble at church at 8:30 for coffee and donuts. Tables and clothing will be brought outside for distribution to neighbors beginning at 10:00.	
Saturday, Oct. 14	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Oct. 15	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Oct. 16–20	Fr. Joshua will be attending a retreat in Chicago. In case of an emergency, contact Fr. David Koles (860-573-0013). Otherwise, Fr. Joshua will follow up with pastoral care when he returns.	
Oct. 22	Brotherhood Luncheon—details TBA	
Oct. 27–28	Diocesan Assembly in New Haven	

Did you know.... This month, the Nominating Committee will be seeking nominees for Parish Council including four Parish Officers, six Trustees, four Auditors, three members of the Endowment Committee, and representation to the Diocesan Assembly. In addition, opportunities for various ministries are available. “A parishioner who has been a Voting Member for 12 months and has attained the age of 21 may be considered for election to Parish office or as a delegate to the Diocesan Assembly.” Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to fill one of these positions.

We Ask Your Prayers

Many years to Summer Zina Rose Stankiewicz, who has as her heavenly patron the Virgin Martyr Zinaïda of Cilicia (Oct. 11).

For those celebrating birthdays: Cora Marie Sousa (Oct. 11). Ephraim Mosher (Oct. 12). Sharon Veronick (Oct. 14).

For those celebrating birthdays: Irene Zavednak & Autumn Russell (Oct. 1). MaryEllen Pavlov (Oct. 7).

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
Starr (Sarrazin)—friend of Robin Levesque
Michael (Bongoll)—first-floor tenant of parish apartment house
Joyce—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Gregory (Mankevich) Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter) Rosemary (Delaney)

Douglas (Hodges)

Irene Lorraine

Jacob Valerie

Juliana Katelyn

Crystal Angela

Innocent

Cyprian and Dana Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho) Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik) 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.

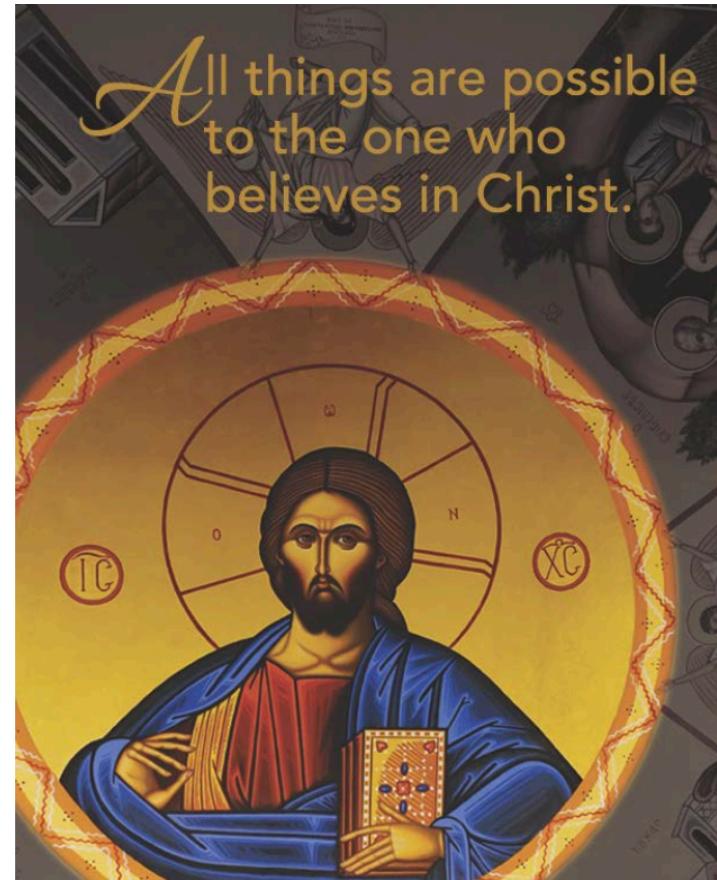
Give thanks to God, and support the work he is doing through SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church: <https://sspeterpaul.org/donate>

Open the donation link with this QR Code →



One day, a person complained to his priest that the Church and Christianity is one continual **“give, give, give.”**

To which the priest replied, “Thank you very much for the finest definition of Christianity I have ever heard. You’re right, Christianity is all about a constant ‘give, give, give.’ God giving His only Son to the world to show His unconditional love. His Son Jesus giving His life on the cross to forgive our sins and destroy death. Then our Lord’s disciples giving all they had to make sure God’s Good News of love was preached to all people everywhere. They not only gave away their homes and businesses, but even gave up their lives as martyrs in gratitude to God!”



It is by offering our blessings back to God that He will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the Church. For God, Infinite though He is, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts, to continue His saving work in the world today.

— Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris

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 4 Troparion *(Fathers)*

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.

Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.

Adam exults, O Master!

Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://

“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Fathers)*

The Son Who shone forth from the Father
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.

Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.

Thus, keeping the True Faith,//

the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

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

Tone 6 Kontakion—*Steadfast Protectress*

Prokeimenon in the First Tone *(Resurrection)*

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You!
(Ps. 32:22)

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!
(Ps. 32:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Fathers)*

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is
Your Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

Before the Gospel, the Alleluia

Verse: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.
(Ps. 17:48)

Verse: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with
David, His anointed, and his seed forever. *(Ps. 17:51)*

Verse: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the
rising of the sun to its setting. *(Ps. 49:1)*

Communion Hymn

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

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Notes on the Week

Today, we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which confirmed that “the venerable and holy images ... should be set forth in the holy churches of God, and on the sacred vessels, on the vestments, on hangings and pictures both in houses and by the wayside: the figure of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, of our spotless Lady, the Theotokos, of the honorable Angels, of all saints and pious people. ... For the honor which is paid to the image passes on to that which the image represents, and he who reveres the image reveres in it the subject represented.”

Although God is totally beyond our grasp and no image or symbol can capture his essence, “the Son of God has taken flesh and revealed himself to us. Anyone who knows Jesus Christ also knows his heavenly Father. And since Jesus Christ is a human being like ourselves, images of his human form are appropriate — even necessary!

The very fact that we venerate icons is a celebration and affirmation of the reality of the incarnation of the Son of God. The One who is essentially beyond our grasp has put his bodily form into our hands. Let us worship him!