

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (1:11–19)

Brethren, I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (16:19–31)

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

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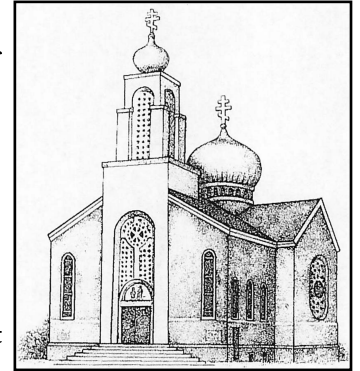
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20th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 3

October 22, 2023

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Aberkios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis, (ca 167).
The Holy Seven Youths ("Seven Sleepers") of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Constantine & Antonius (ca 250).

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. 21	Great Vespers followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Oct. 22	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Brotherhood-hosted luncheon—all welcome!	
	We continue with our “ Questions after Coffee ” each Sunday, starting about noon. We dedicate 30 minutes to addressing your questions—whatever they may be. Listen in, or perhaps ask your own!	
Tuesday, Oct. 24	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
Oct. 27–28	Diocesan Assembly in New Haven	
Saturday, Oct. 28	Great Vespers followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Oct. 29	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Saturday, Nov. 4	Parish Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Nov. 5	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Endowment Fund Commemoration Service follows	

Support the Charity Fund as we approach Thanksgiving. We are planning to provide fixings for Thanksgiving Dinners, along with other necessities, to **six neighborhood families in need.** We also were able to send children to Youth Rally and pay a critical hospital bill in recent weeks. Your generous support of the Charity Fund make all this possible.

Contribute to refinishing liturgical items. Using a previous donation given to beautify our liturgy, we just completed the refinishing of a worn chalice set and the two center lamp holders. The refinisher also committed to refinish a small diskos for Holy Week and a set of cups for Holy Water for a good price. **We welcome several donations of \$100 toward this project.**

We Ask Your Prayers

For those celebrating birthdays: Anthony Milner and Dakota Stankiewicz on Oct. 22. Scott Lombardi and Timothy Beck on Oct. 24.

For the Sick & Suffering:

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

Juliana

Katelyn

Crystal

Angela

Innocent

Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)

Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik)

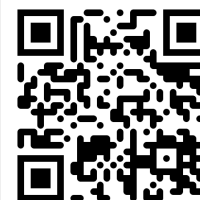
Helen (Olsen)

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 →



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 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 5 Troparion (*St. Abercius*)

You emulated the zeal of the Apostles
and shone forth like a morning star,
and your works showed your God-given power:
you guided the erring to God,//
O hierarch Abercius.

Tone 4 Troparion (*Seven Sleepers*)

Your seven holy martyrs, O Lord,
through their sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from You, our
God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

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.

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Apostles Peter & 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.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*St. Abercius*)

The whole Church honors you as a great hierarch
and as a companion to the Apostles.//
By your prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by heresy, O
glorious Abercius.

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

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Seven Sleepers*)

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world,
preferring the eternal things of Heaven.
They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead
and buried the snares of the devils!//
O faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion—*Steadfast Protectress*

Prokeimenon in the Third Tone (*Resurrection*)

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)

Before the Gospel, the 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)

Communion Hymn

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