

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (2:4–10)

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (10:25–37)

At that time, a certain lawyer came to Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’” And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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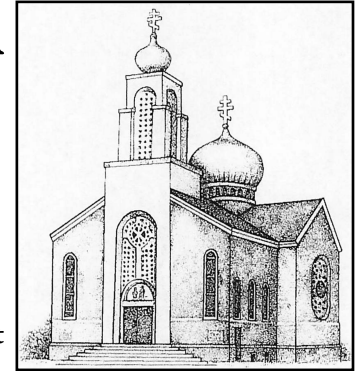
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23rd Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 6

November 12, 2023

St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Constantinople (612–20). Ven. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th c.). Saint Varnava (Nastic) (1964). Prophet Ahijah (960 BC).

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). The most significant hymns and responses specific for today are printed inside this bulletin.

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, Nov. 11	Reception of Christopher Cardia into Orthodoxy by Holy Chrismation	4 PM
	Great Vespers followed by confessions	5 PM
	Supper & Fellowship—bring games and hobbies to share, or just enjoy each other's company. All welcome!	6 PM
Sunday, Nov. 12	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Thanksgiving Feast after Liturgy	
	"Questions after Coffee"	12–12:30
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer	8:15
Wed, Nov. 15	Nativity Fast begins	
Saturday, Nov. 18	Great Vespers followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Nov. 19	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	Your contributions to the Charity Fund enable purchases of Thanksgiving turkeys and other food for six neighborhood families in need . We will assemble and make these deliveries this afternoon.	
Monday, Nov. 20	Vigil—Entrance into the Temple	6 PM
	Divine Liturgy—Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple	9:30 AM
	We join with Joachim and Anna in giving thanks for the Virgin Mary, brought into the Temple with joy. Through their offering, the child Mary was raised up to become a temple and dwelling-place for God the Word—Jesus Christ our Lord.	
Thursday, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day	Akathist Service—Glory to God for All Things	10 AM

Please submit pledge forms for 2024 as soon as possible. If you need the Stewardship Packet with these pledge forms, we have extras at the candle desk, or you can download and print them at sspeterpaul.org/donate

The cross is lit today by Mary Jane Rodgers in memory of her mother **Eleanor Kubeck** on the occasion of her birthday. Memory eternal!

The cross is also lit by Paul & Donna Leonowich in honor of **Christopher Cardia**, who was illumined through Holy Chrismation yesterday. May God grant him many years!

We Ask Your Prayers

For Archimandrite Benedict, Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of New England.

For all those who have served in the defense of our country.

For those celebrating birthdays: Catherine Barra on Nov. 13.

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)

Steven (Rygiel)

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)

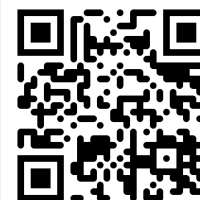
Margaret (Savchik)

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>



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Consecration and Election of His Grace, Benedict, Bishop-Elect of Hartford and New England



Last Monday, Nov. 6, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America elected Archimandrite Benedict (Churchill) to be Bishop of Hartford and New England.

We have been directed to commemorate him as Bishop-Elect immediately after our Metropolitan in our services. May the Lord bless His Grace, Bishop-Elect Benedict, with many years of health and fruitful service as Bishop of New England.

Bishop-Elect Benedict will be consecrated and enthroned as our ruling bishop in a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9 AM. He will be presented as the nominated candidate at the Vespers service there on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6 PM.

A banquet follows the Liturgy on Saturday—reservations required by Nov. 19. You can make your reservation at holytrinityorthodox.org/consecration

The Diocese of New England has also reserved a block of hotel rooms near the cathedral to enable you to stay overnight Friday–Saturday, Dec. 1–2. The deadline has been extended until Nov. 17. Details as follows:

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel Boston - Cambridge
400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, MA 02134

You can make a reservation with the event coordinator:

Giselle Paulino
617-562-4151



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
THE CONSECRATION AND ENTHRONEMENT OF

Bishop Elect Benedict as Bishop of Hartford and New England

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

NOMINATION, CONFESSION OF FAITH, VESPERS

6:00 PM

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, BOSTON, MA

LIVESTREAM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

CONSECRATION AND ENTHRONEMENT DIVINE LITURGY

9:00 AM

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, BOSTON, MA

LIVESTREAM

BANQUET IN HONOR OF BISHOP BENEDICT

1:00 PM

DOUBLE TREE SUITES OF BOSTON BY HILTON -
CAMBRIDGE

400 SOLDIERS FIELD RD. BOSTON MA.

[LINK TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

TICKETS \$75 PER PERSON

Hymns of the Day

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, //
glory to You.

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 8 Troparion (*St. John the Merciful*)

By endurance you gained your reward, venerable Father;
you persevered in prayer unceasingly;
you loved the poor and provided for them in all things. //
Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls
may be saved!

Tone 8 Troparion (*Ven. Nilus*)

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 Nilus, pray to Christ our God to save our souls!

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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 2 Kontakion (*St. John*)

You distributed your wealth to the poor
and in return obtained wealth from heaven, O John the Merciful.
Therefore, we honor you and celebrate your memory, //
O namesake of mercy.

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

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Ven. Nilus*)

By your vigilant prayer you cut away the undergrowth of the body's
insurgent passions.
As you have boldness before the Lord, free me from every danger so
that I may cry to you: //
"Rejoice, universal father Nilus!"
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion—Steadfast Protectress

Prokeimenon in the Sixth Tone (*Resurrection*)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)
Verse: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps.
27:1a)

Before the Gospel, the Alleluia

Verse: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the
shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)
Verse: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in
Whom I trust." (Ps. 90:2)

Communion Hymn

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