

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians (3:12–16)

Brethren, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (25:14–30)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, “Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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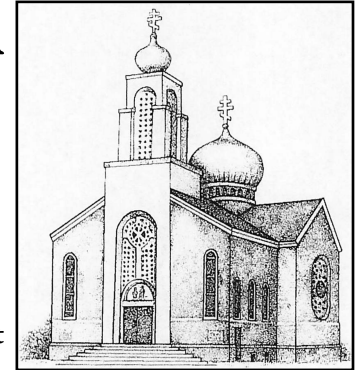
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35th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 1
Afterfeast of the Meeting of the Lord
February 4, 2024

Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 436–440).
Martyr Jadorus (3rd c.). Hieromartyr
Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria
(ca. 344–347). Ven. Nicholas the
Confessor, Abbot of Studion (868).

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 specifically 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 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, Feb. 3	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 4	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	“Questions after Coffee”	
Wednesdays	Morning Prayer	8:15 AM
Thursday, Feb. 8	<i>CT Deanery Meeting in New Britain</i>	7 PM
Saturday, Feb. 10	Vigil followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Feb. 11	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
	“ Souper Bowl ”: A wide variety of soups, salad, bread and dessert are on offer for \$10 per person. Also take home soup: \$5/pint and \$10/quart.	
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Online Study of the Gospel of Luke chapters 3–4: sspeterpaul.org/study	7 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Parish Council	6:30 PM
Thursday, Feb. 15	Foundation in Orthodox Christianity Session 3: “Jesus teaches us how to be human”	6:30 PM
	All are welcome, but especially those who seek to be received into the Orthodox Faith. Participate in these sessions on Zoom: sspeterpaul.org/study	

The best way to keep in touch with the plans and activity of our parish is through our communication network Flocknote. To sign up, visit our site: ssporthodox.flocknote.com

Once you have joined Flocknote, you will receive our weekly update, and rarely one or two extra messages with urgent announcements. **You can also join Groups within Flocknote which support our ministries and activities: Choir; Children’s Ministry; Christian Study**, which covers our Bible Study and other learning opportunities; and our almost-established **Sisterhood**. We also have other groups: **Wisdom** for occasional treasures from our Orthodox faith and **Giving Thanks** to celebrate aspects of parish life. You can join any of these groups from ssporthodox.flocknote.com

We Ask Your Prayers

For all those who have as their heavenly patron **St. Richard of Wessex** (Feb. 7) or **the Virgin Martyr Valentina** (Feb. 10).

For those celebrating birthdays: Tim Tassmer (Feb. 10).

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

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

Larissa

Jeffrey

Stacia

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: 203-623-5336.

Give thanks to God, and support the work he is doing through SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church:

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Hymns of the Day

Tone 2 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 1 Troparion (*Meeting of the Lord*)

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,
enlightening those who sat in darkness.
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//
Who grants us the Resurrection!

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 (*Ven. Isidore*)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.//
Therefore your spirit, venerable Isidore, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

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.

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

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Ven. Isidore*)

Finding you to be another morning star, O glorious one,
the Church is illumined by the brilliance of your words.//
She cries out to you: “Rejoice, all-blessed and divinely-wise Isidore!”

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

Tone 1 Kontakion (*Meeting of the Lord*)

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin’s womb
and blessed Simeon’s hands, ^O Christ God.
Now You have come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,//
O only Lover of Man!

Prokeimenon in the Second Tone (*Resurrection*)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.
(Ps. 117:14)

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to
death. (Ps. 117:18)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Song of the Theotokos*)

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(Lk. 1:46-47)

Before the Gospel, the Alleluia

Verse: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the
God of Jacob protect you! (Ps. 19:1)

Verse: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps. 19:9)

Verse: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word,
for my eyes have seen Your salvation! (Luke 2:29)

Communion Hymn

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

Souper Bowl Sunday 2024

Feb. 11
Sunday

Order Form

- Chicken Meatball
- Beet Borsht Cabbage & Kielbasa
- Split Pea with Ham Vegetable Beef
- Corn & Potato Chowder Pepper Soup
- Carrot Ginger Vegetarian Cabbage
- Beef Barley Vegetarian Chilli

Check the soup(s) that you would like to take-away. Pints are \$5. Quarts are \$10.

Your Name

Contact Information

Number of Soups

Amount Enclosed

Please complete the order form and return it to
Donna Leonowich by Feb. 10th.

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