

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

Meriden, Connecticut

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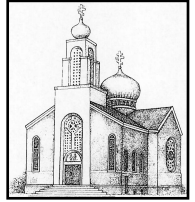
A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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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. Luke (18:35–43)

At that time, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.” Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

30th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 5	Ven. Macarius the Great of Egypt (390–391). Ven. Macarius of Alexandria (394–395). St. Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus (15th c.). Ven. Makáry the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (12th c.).
January 19, 2025	

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

We welcome everyone who has come into this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guests and newcomers.

Today, we begin with Matins, the morning service with readings and hymns illuminating the meaning of this particular Sunday. You can follow along with a Matins service booklet, found beside these bulletins on the table at the glass doors. The Divine Liturgy, the primary celebration this morning, immediately follows. You can follow along with a black Liturgy book from the stack on the same table as the bulletins and Matins booklet. This Sunday and most of the year, we use 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 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, Jan. 18	Baptism of Nathan Pannone	3:30 PM
	Great Vespers, followed by confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Jan. 19	Matins, leading into Divine Liturgy	9 AM
	Election of an Asst. Treasurer	
Wednesdays	Weekdays Matins	8:15 AM
Wed., Jan. 22	Foundation in Orthodox Christianity: "Worship in Time and Space" Link and details: sspeterpaul.org/study	8 PM
Saturday, Jan. 25	Great Vespers, followed by confessions	5 PM
	Supper & Fellowship after Vespers—Bring a board game or craft project, or just come and enjoy time together. Bring friends and family too!	
Sunday, Jan. 26	Matins, leading into Divine Liturgy	9 AM
	Chrismation of Michael Panico before the Liturgy	
	Prayers for Our Lady's Sisterhood after	
Saturday, Feb. 1	Great Vespers, followed by confessions	
Sunday, Feb. 2	Matins, leading into Divine Liturgy	9 AM
	The feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple is on Feb. 2. This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was brought into the temple as a forty-day-old child by his parents. There the Righteous Simeon testified that he saw the promised salvation of Israel fulfilled: "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation...." We sing his thanksgiving at every service of Vespers.	

We are holding a special collection in January for a supplemental contribution to the Diocese of New England. As discussed at the Annual Meeting, the Diocese invited parishes to make a voluntary contribution, on top of our mandatory Fair Share, to cover the funding gap in 2025 relating

to our having a resident bishop (who needs a permanent home!) for the first time in decades. The Parish Council has set a target of \$800, with anything received beyond to be applied to similar expected needs in 2026.

We Ask Your Prayers

For all those who have as their heavenly patron Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg (Jan. 24) or **St. Gregory the Theologian** (Jan. 25).

For the newly-illuminated child of God Nathan Pannone, who was baptized on Saturday.

For those celebrating birthdays: Natasha Sousa on Jan. 20. Alban Mosher on Jan. 21.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Skeeter and Charles Nance on Jan. 14.

For the Sick & Suffering:

Archbishop Anastasios of Albania

Archpriest Vladimir Aleandro

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
William (Weidmann)

Carol—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Ed—friend of Sierra Levesque

Gregory (Mankevich)

Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter)

Rosemary (Delaney)

Steven (Rygiel)

Catherine (Barra)

Raisa (Fahy)

Michael (Edwards)

Shawwna (Kelly)

Susan (Shulga Waas)

Timothy (Waas)

Gail (Kuziak)

Irene

Lorraine

Jacob

Katelyn

Joseph

Crystal

Angela

Innocent

Georgiy

Larissa

Valentin

Andrei

Stacia

Jose

Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)

Margaret (Savchik)

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.

In order 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:

<https://sspeterpaul.org/donate> or use this QR Code →

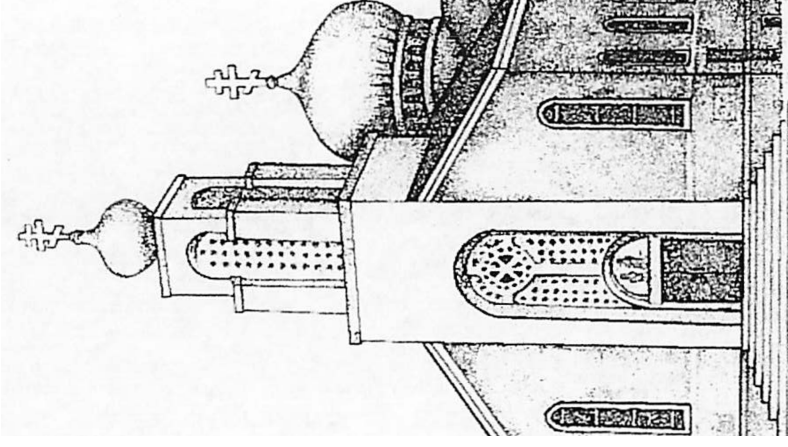




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We respect your time and attention. Messages to the main group—"Everyone"—will be limited to the most important news of the week. You can expect one or two messages each week—no more except in truly extraordinary cases.

Once you are signed up, we encourage you to join groups to keep in touch with the news and ministries closest to your heart. For example:

Giving Thanks

sharing news and photos from our parish life

Wisdom

regular reflections drawn from the well of our Orthodox Christian faith

Bible Study

notes and preparation for those wanting to learn more of the Orthodox Faith

Choir

coordinating the activity of our choir

Children's Ministry

working with our families to help our children grow in faith

Hymns of the Day

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious 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 1 Troparion *(Ven. Macarius)*

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body,
you were a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father Macarius.
You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil and prayer,
healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith.
Glory to Him Who gave you strength!
Glory to Him Who granted you a crown!//
Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

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. Macarius)*

The Lord truly placed you in the house of abstinence,
as a star enlightening the ends of the earth,//
Venerable Macarius, Father of Fathers.

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

Tone 6 Kontakion *Steadfast Protectress*

Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone *(Resurrection)*

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 111:7)

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! *(Ps. 111:1a)*

Before the Gospel, the Alleluia

Verse: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will
proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. *(Ps. 88:1-2)*

Verse: For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will
be prepared in the heavens. *(Ps. 88:3)*

Communion Hymn

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